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Dear ██████

**Official Information Act Request for – Gender Diverse Mental Health Inpatients**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020** requesting the following information:

**With respect, I request the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982:**

- **Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at DHB, by name of facility.**
- **Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months.**
- **Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months.**

**The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by RNZ into gender diverse people's mental health. As the information will be used to ensure greater understanding of the issue, I ask that any fee be waived.**

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 7,500 staff and provide health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

**Counties Manukau DHB Response**

- **Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at DHB, by name of facility.**

Currently, Mental Health & Addictions has a total of 90 mental health inpatient facility beds as broken down by the following facilities:

Facility	Beds
Tiaho Mai Adult Inpatient Facility	52
Ward 35 East, Koropiko Mental Health Service for Older People	18
Tamaki Oranga	20

More information of CMDHB mental Health & Addiction Services/Facilities available on our Website <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/our-services/>

Table 1. Data as at 31/07/2020

- **Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months.**

The total number of people admitted to the above inpatient services from July 1 2019 – June 30 2020 is below.

Date	Total
2019-Jul	209
2019-Aug	198
2019-Sep	177
2019-Oct	172
2019-Nov	187
2019-Dec	182
2020-Jan	177
2020-Feb	172
2020-Mar	167
2020-Apr	117
2020-May	184
2020-Jun	183

Table 2: Data Source i.PM as at 30/06/2020 (i.Patient Manager System)

- **Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months.**

Counties Manukau Health Mental Health & Addictions Services utilizes i.PM as its patient demographic system. The iPM system currently does not have the capability to capture gender diverse. Discussions with the Ministry of Health have commenced recently and decisions regarding how gender diverse may be captured and mapped are yet to be confirmed. Current practice is to identify gender in accordance with how the person identifies. Additional context or information related to their gender is captured as part of the client history or assessment but is not obtainable on an aggregate level.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely



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