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Via FYI.org.nz

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Dear Mr Andrews,

### Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 16 October 2019. You requested the following information:

- **Could you please provide the total number of hospital beds from 2016 to 2019 at Manukau District Health Board?**
  - *Yearly count will be great.*

In response, for CM Health please refer to Table 1:

	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019
CM Health Physical Bed Number	1,212	1,224	1,226	1,255

**Table 1**

- *Note: these bed numbers include the maximum physical bed capacity across all CM Health facilities (Middlemore Hospital, Manukau Health Park and community sites – Otara, Botany, Papakura, Pukekohe, and Franklin). These include all services – Emergency, Medical, Surgical, Women’s Health/ Maternity, Mental Health and community Rehabilitation.*
- *Note: these numbers do not reflect resourced capacity (which can vary for seasonality and demand), or the actual occupancy of beds.*

Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 people), as well as regional and supra regional specialist services (Burns, Plastics and Orthopaedics). Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient/ ambulatory and community-based models of care.

Variations in bed count data provided over time may be due to different counting methods, the timing of a bed census, and definitions of what constitutes a bed (e.g. include/exclude Day stay and Clinic Treatment chairs, Emergency Department trolley).

We note that our Emergency Department has 146 beds included in the totals. Additionally, there are “chairs and other non-beds” provided, which support delivery of acute assessment and short stay

care, as well as in procedure units, outpatient clinics and diagnostic rooms, day-stay surgery, delivery suites, and emergency trolleys.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Apa', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Counties Manukau Health**