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Dear Paul,

**Official Information Act Request for – Heart related visits to Hospital**

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021, you requested the following information:

- **I am seeking the number of people that have visited any/all hospitals and doctor's surgeries within the CMDHB for any/all heart related issues, (including but not limited to pericarditis, myocarditis, heart attacks and strokes). The data requested is for the 11 month period from February 2021 until December 2021 inclusive, displayed in month by month format, and compared to the monthly data for the previous three years.**

Following receipt of your request, we advised “*We will not be able to provide any data on people visiting doctor's surgeries within the CMDHB area. This is within the primary care arena and we do not hold data for this type of information. We can however provide data on any hospital visits. For the heart related issues its very broad and we can give data looking for all Diseases of the Circulatory system (Minus Benign Hypertension as it is so common).*”

You responded on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 “**I am happy for you to provide data relating to the diseases of the circulatory system as long as it's inclusive of myocarditis and pericarditis.**”

**Counties Manukau Health Response:**

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 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.

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Table 1 below reflects patients admitted to hospital with at least one diagnosis for circulatory disease excluding Benign Hypertension. We have provided the data for 2018-2021 for a year to year comparison.

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>2018</b>	1,015	1,159	1,096	1,136	1,163	1,213	1,297	1,148	1,221	1,139	1,104	14,709
<b>2019</b>	1,031	1,183	1,107	1,249	1,106	1,272	1,178	1,062	1,138	1,131	1,108	14,584
<b>2020</b>	1,053	1,028	805	1,061	1,140	1,273	1,077	1,189	1,181	1,124	1,153	14,104
<b>2021</b>	957	1,204	1,102	1,120	1,176	1,219	1,115	938	966	1,024	896	13,738

Table 1 Source: Health Intelligence & Informatics

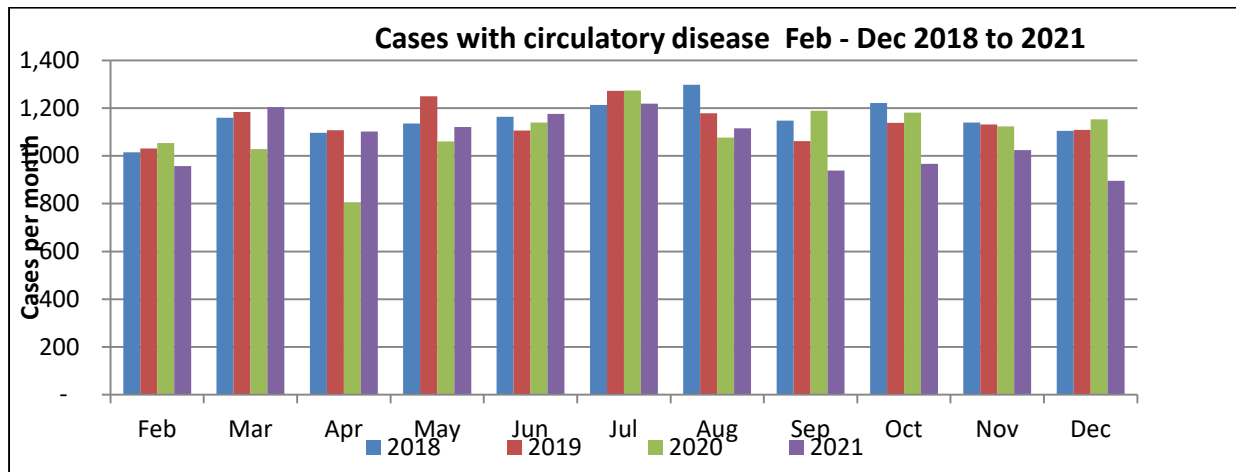


Figure 1 Source: Health Intelligence & Informatics

I trust this information answers your request. 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 Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

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