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Dear Mr Andrews

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, received by us on 03 September. You identified the following details and requested information to explain our annual report:

In the financial report for 2018 - at the link:

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/About-CMH/Reports-and-planning/Annual-reports-and-plans/2017-18-CM-Health-Annual-Report-Final-for-online-publication-December-2018.pdf>

page 55: shows that Counties Manukau DHB spent about \$461,481 on Non-Health Board provider expenses.

- **Could you please explain who these Non-Health Board providers are?**
- **How would you describe them?**
- **Are these private health care providers - Primary or secondary?**
- **If possible, please name all these providers, based on 2018 year.**

The New Zealand Health and Disability Act (2000), requires that all District Health Boards work to:

- “(a) “Ensure the provision of services for its resident population and for other people as specified in its crown funding agreement*
- (b) Actively investigate, facilitate, sponsor and develop co-operative and collaborative arrangements with persons in the health and disability sector or in any sector to improve, promote and protect the health of people and to promote the inclusion and participation in society and independence of people with disabilities”*

Counties Manukau District Health Board, in addition to provision of hospital services, contracts with approximately 400 other providers. The largest proportion of these funds are for Primary Health Organisations (PHO), that deliver General Practice services, Non-Government Organisations (NGO), and business entities (such as Residential Care providers and Pharmacists). This enables the effective delivery of a range of health services to our population in our communities.

Summary details of the types and numbers of DHB contracted (non-health board) providers receiving Counties Manukau DHB funding in FY 2017/18 are below (**Table 1**). These providers all deliver direct primary (Community-based) health services. CM Health also directly provides some community based and ambulatory services, especially for mental health, child and youth and community nursing.

Non-DHB Health Service providers	No. of Providers 2017/18	Proportion of the total \$461,481
General Practices – Contracted via five PHOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidised primary health services - to enrolled population 	99	27.4%
Age-Related Residential Care / Home & Community Care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Care Facilities and Community Support services 	80	24.7%
Community Pharmacies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidised pharmaceuticals and Pharmacy Services 	118	22.8%
Community-based Mental Health providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities and community-based Mental health services 	25	10.5%
Regional Laboratory Provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Laboratory Services 	1	6.0%
Community Hospices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palliative Care 	2	2.3%
Dental Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Health services 	6	1.5%
Long-term conditions programme - contracted via PHOs	5	1.4%
Long-term support services contracts - for a range of chronic health conditions	30	1.4%
Child and Youth services and programme contracts	6	1.2%
Other services / contracts - directed at vulnerable populations	multiple	0.9%

Table 1

Information on the range of providers is publicly available. A listing of Community Health and Social Service providers in the Counties Manukau region, including details of General Practices, Pharmacy's and other support services is publicly available on our website.

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/healthy-together/find-health-and-community-services/>

It would be difficult for us to comprehensive list all contract holders in 2018. Please advise us if there are services you are interested in having more details on.

Outsourced services to supplement DHB-provided Hospital (secondary services) service provision (e.g. for elective surgical procedures and diagnostics) are not included in the Non-health board providers expenses reporting component of the Annual Report. These arrangements are managed within operational budgets in the DHB hospital services.

In addition, there are a significant number of entities and individuals who hold "Section-88 Agreements" with DHBs to provide community health services on a regular or intermittent basis, including primarily Lead Maternity Carers, but also some optometry funding.

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', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

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