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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9103

I refer to your Official Information Act request seeking the following information from West Coast DHB, pertaining to the nature and funding levels of the Rural Service Level Alliance Teams (SLATS).

- **I would like to know the names of the members of SLAT or SLATs in your DHB and see a copy of the minutes of their last meeting.**

The members of the West Coast Rural Service Level Alliance Team are: Dr Greville Wood, Elinor Stratford, Dr Brendan Marshall, Kathy Hines, Rosalie Waghorn, Dr Cheryl Brunton, Kerri Miedema, Joanne Shaw, Rehia McDonald, Richard Wallace, Dr Martin Smith, Nigel Ogilvie and Philip Wheble.

Minutes of the last meeting are attached as **Appendix 1** (below).

- **In addition, I would like to know the amount of rural funding your SLAT is given to allocate per year, from which rural funding streams and how many rural practices fall under its remit.**

In the 2017/18 funding year the West Coast Rural SLAT allocated \$1,048,755 (excl. GST) from one funding stream, Rural Premium Services. Four of the seven practices on the West Coast fall under this remit.

- **What initiatives does the rural funding pay for?**

The majority of this funding has been allocated to practices to support the clinical and financial sustainability of practices. The funding compensates for onerous rostering for on-call rural remote practices, the recruitment and retention of staff and covering high costs of locums (when these are available) to ensure people of rural communities have equitable health outcomes, appropriate access to first level services and urgent care services.

Other initiatives have included GP registrar scholarships, training and implementation of after-hours standing orders, rapid response contingency funding and the Rural GP/Nurse weekend conference.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery
General Manager
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Minutes of the West Coast Rural Service Level Alliance Group Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2017 6pm

West Coast PHO Conference Room

Attendees:	Dr Greville Wood, Pauline Ansley, Joanne Shaw, Elinor Stratford, Cheryl Brunton, Nigel Ogilvie (telephone), Philip Wheble, Helen Reriti	
Apologies:	Dr Brendan Marshall, Kathy Hines, Rehia McDonald, Rosalie Waghorn	
Absent:	Richard Wallace, Dr Andre Bonny, Dr Martin Smith	
Agenda Items:	Discussion	Action
1. Intro/Apologies	Welcome by Chair	
2. Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of the last meeting accepted as a true record (Joanne Shaw and Kerri Miedema).	
3. Matters Arising	Nil	
4. Standing Items	Nil	
5.	Philip Wheble provided a recap of the current model of funding to rural primary practices. This model has been carried over for two years. Today's meeting is to review practices and agree with the existing model or suggest changes which will need to be taken to the Alliance Leadership Team. Unanimous consensus by members for the funding model to remain status quo.	
	Meeting closed: 6.20pm	
Next Meeting	No date – annual meeting	