



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### **RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9313**

I refer to your email dated 17 May 2019 sent to the Ministry of Health who subsequently partially transferred your request to us on 29 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically Questions 2(a) and 5.

#### **2(a) How many psychologists are in paid employment within the various DHB's inpatient mental health services?**

Due to the size of our mental health service the West Coast DHB employs a psychologist to cover both the inpatient and community mental health services. This position is currently vacant.

#### **5. What psychological services are funded by the Ministry of Health where a psychologist needs a masters level or higher qualification?**

The successful applicant must have Registration with the NZ Psychologists Board and this requires a minimum of a Master's Degree plus a period of supervised practice (for registration in the Psychologist Scope of Practice).

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 after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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