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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9314

I refer to your letter dated 30 May 2019 and received on 5 June 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding the state of children and adolescent oral health to assess whether there has been any further investment in services since the 2008 major reorientation program to the Community Oral Health Service (COHS).

We also acknowledge that to save time you have provided a template for us to complete based on data already available through Titanium Dental Software.

The West Coast DHB Template is attached as **Appendix 1**

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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Population Numbers	2008	2018			
		Māori	Pacific	Total*	
	0-4 years	-	-	1670	0-4 years
	5-12 years	-	-	2785	5-12 years
	Adolescents	-	-	2055	Adolescents
	Note: *At this time, we did not breakdown figures by ethnicity.				
Service Provision (Is your service 40 hours/52 weeks? Please state nature of service)	35 hours, primary school term to year 8 only				35 hours, up to year 8, small number of adolescents.
Age of 1 st visit for pre-schoolers (e.g. at 6 months of age, 9	2008 Not known				2018 12 months

months, 12 months, 24 months)								
Examination Arrears	2008 – Not known				2018			
		Māori	Pacific	Other		Māori	Pacific	Other
	0-4 years	-	-	-	0-4 years	9%	0%	6%
	5-12 years	-	-	-	5-12 years	5%	3%	3%
	Adolescents	-	-	-	Adolescents	-	-	-
Dental or Oral Health Therapist/Patient Ratio	2008 1:1250				2018 1:1400			
Percentage of population on 6 monthly recall	2008 Not known				2018 15%			
Percentage of population on 18-month recall	2008 None				2018 None			
Dental or Oral Health Therapists FTE	2008 4				2018 3			
Assistants FTE	2008 2				2018 3			
Community Dentist FTE	2008 0				2018 0			

Oral Health Promoters/Kaiāwhina FTE	2008 0.1					2018 0.1				
Management/Admin FTE (includes TL/PDO)	2008 0.1					2018 1.1				
General Anaesthetic Cases	2008					2018				
		Māori	Pacific	Other			Māori	Pacific	Other	
	0-2 years	-	-	-		0-2 years	-	-	-	
	2-4 years	3	1	11		2-4 years	11	2	16	
	5-12 years	2	0	3		5-12 years	8	1	29	
	Adolescents	Not held	Not held	Not held		Adolescents	0	0	3	
						For children up to age 19.				
Number of Dental or Oral Health Therapist Vacancies (current)	None					None				
Length of time take to recruit	N/A					N/A				
Attrition rate/staff turnover	N/A					N/A				
Recruitment/Retention Barriers	N/A					N/A				
Any new investment in Oral Health since 2008 reorientation program. Please provide details						There has been no new investment.				

including the financial investment amount.								
Did not attend rates (Mon-Friday Clinics)	2008 Not held				2018			
		Māori	Pacific	Other		Māori	Pacific	Other
	0-2 years				0-2 years	-	-	-
	2-4 years				2-4 years	22%	17%	16%
	5-12 years				5-12 years	14%	5%	8%
	Adolescents				Adolescents	0%	0%	3%
Did Not Attend Rate (Evening/Weekend Clinics)	2008 Not applicable				2018 Not applicable			
		Māori	Pacific	Other		Māori	Pacific	Other
	0-2 years				0-2 years			
	2-4 years				2-4 years			
	5-12 years				5-12 years			
	Adolescents				Adolescents			
Number of Stainless-Steel Crowns Performed by Dental or Oral Health Therapists within COHS	2008 0				2018 0			

Age 5 and Year 8 DMFT/dmft Data by ethnicity	2008 Data on Ministry of Health website	2018
Any other comments regarding planned initiatives or challenges faced by the service.		