



# *West Coast District Health Board*

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### RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9369

I refer to your email, dated 4 November 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB.

- 1. The number of staff currently employed in each discipline by the WCDHB at Grey Hospital (ie registered nurses, doctors, district nurses, allied health), expressed as both a raw number and as FTEs please.**

As at October 2019, West Coast DHB has 601 staff (413 FTE) employed at Grey Hospital. Of the 601 Staff, 275 deliver health services or support delivery of health services across the DHB area (211 FTE). For example Obstetrics and Gynecologist specialist has clinics in Westport. Rural Hospital Medical specialists located in Grey Hospital deliver outreach clinics in Karamea, Reefton and Moana as part of their normal contracted hours.

**Table one** (below) details the staff numbers employed at Grey Hospital by occupational group.

**Table one:**

| Occupational Group | Count of people | Contracted FTE |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Allied Health      | 181             | 129.98         |
| Management/Admin   | 138             | 98.73          |
| Medical            | 48              | 31.66          |
| Nursing            | 384             | 238.22         |
| Support            | 38              | 25.68          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>789</b>      | <b>524.25</b>  |

- 2. The number of staff expected to be employed in each discipline when the new hospital opens, expressed as both a raw number and as FTEs.**

The number of staff is not determined by a facility but rather through an ongoing process we undertake to look at how we can provide the best possible care to our communities within the funding we are provided with.

Given the hospital is expected to open within the current financial year the figures provided in response to question 1 would remain similar.

**3. The annual staff cost for the hospital in the year to June 30, 2019.**

The annual staff cost at Grey Hospital is estimated to be \$57m for the financial year. It is difficult to get the exact cost for employees located at Grey Hospital due to the way we group our expenditure in cost centres. For example some cost centres can have a mixture of employees that are based in Hokitika, Grey, Reefton or Buller.

**4. The expected annual staff cost for the hospital after the new hospital opens.**

Annual staffing costs will be determined through our normal annual budgeting process where we look at the needs of our communities and the funding we are provided with.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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