



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9453

I refer to your email dated 23 July 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding Pharmacy Assistants, Trainee Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians, Intern Pharmacists, and Pharmacists. Specifically:

1. **The actual number of Pharmacists – i.e. headcount.**
 - a. **The actual number of Pharmacy Technicians – i.e. headcount**
 - b. **The actual number of Pharmacy Assistants – i.e. headcount**
 - c. **The number of employees, broken down into Pharmacists, Technicians, and assistants on each salary step.**

Please refer to **Appendix 1, Tables one, two and three** (attached) for our response to the above questions. **Please note:** we have aggregated numbers of employees <3 pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect their privacy.

2. **For continuing professional development for DHB employed pharmacy staff:**
 - a. **Total budget for 2018 and 2019 financial years**
 - 2018 \$4,180
 - 2019 \$3,513
 - b. **Total spend for 2018 and 2019 financial years**
 - 2018 \$4,054
 - 2019 \$14,522
 - c. **A breakdown of:**
 - **Spend on training for qualifications including technicians, level 5 and 6, pharmacist prescriber, and postgraduate diploma in clinical pharmacy.**
 - **Spend on all other professional development.**

Please note: We do not split these costs between Qualifications and Professional Development.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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 'Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery
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WCDHB 9453 APPENDIX 1

Table One: Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Assistants employed at West Coast DHB as at 27/07/2020

	Headcount	FTE
Pharmacists	5	4.9
Pharmacy Technicians	3	2.6
Pharmacy Assistants	0	0

Table two: Pharmacists Salary steps

Salary Step	Base Salary	Headcount
Intern	\$45,373.00	5 (Incl Interns and IEAs)
1	\$51,782.00	
2	\$56,313.00	
8	\$77,953.00	
7	\$75,078.00	
13	\$97,331.00	
14	\$101,451.00	

Table three: Pharmacy Technicians

Salary Step	Base Salary (APEX)	Headcount
1	\$45,204.00	3
2	\$48,437.00	
3	\$52,470.00	
4	\$54,488.00	
5	\$58,525.00	
6	\$60,848.00	
7	\$63,782.00	

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