



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official information request WCDHB 9461

I refer to your email dated 5 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. How many Maori are referred to DHB MHAS services in the past year;

In the past year (April 2019 to March 2020) there was a total of 439 clients who were referred to West Coast DHB Mental Health and Addiction services.

- Of these, 116 were Maori
 - 13 were 0-19 years old
 - 100 were 20-64 years old
 - 3 were 65+ years old

2. What is the average length of engagement;

3. What diagnoses do these people present with;

To provide this information would require an audit of every Maori client discharged from the service in the last year. This would entail a substantial amount of time and resource. We are therefore declining a response to these two questions pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

4. How many Maori are engaged in MHAS psychology services;

5. How many Maori have requested psychological input, but declined;

6. How many Maori are on psychology waitlists;

7. What is the average waiting time for Maori on these psychology waitlists;

8. How many Maori psychologists are employed by the DHBs;

9. How many Maori psychologists are employed in a leadership capacity? For example, team leader or above;

West Coast DHB do not have a specific psychology service – and there are no psychologists employed in the adult mental health or addictions service.

We have one psychologist in the CAMHS service who fulfils a case management role, though will mainly work with clients who require predominantly psychologist input. We hold no record of a Maori client requesting psychology input.

10. How many intern psychologist places do the DHB have;

There are no intern psychologists employed by West Coast DHB.

11. What is the supervision regime for the intern psychologists;

Not applicable.

12. What is the average length of service of psychologists within the DHB;

The current CAMHS psychologist has been on the West Coast for two years.

13. How many Psychologists have left the DHB over the last twelve months, what was the reason given for leaving;

None.

14. How many psychologists are on work visa's;

One.

15. How many vacancies for psychologists does the DHB have;

There are currently no vacancies for psychologists.

16. How long have the vacancy's for psychologists been open;

Not applicable.

17. What current initiatives are in place to provide education in-house to Psychologists;

There are no current initiatives within West Coast DHB, and if required they would be facilitated via Canterbury DHB psychology services.

18. What plan is in place to expand FTE for the psychological services;

By the end of this year we are hoping to create three further psychologist positions for the West Coast Mental Health service.

19. Are there any psychologists at the DHB employed in the Emergency department;

No.

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



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