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RE Official information request WCDHB 9526

I refer to your email dated 9 February 2021, and clarified on 10 February 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

Please can you advise on the total spent on temporary casual / bank and agency workers by the District in the periods Financial Year 18/19 and 19/20. Your response should be broken down by professional group and financial year.

- Nursing
- Allied Health Professionals
- Medical

Medical Agency spend also includes spend on Locum Doctors.

- **Bank = Casual or non-full time / part-time rostered workers. This may be your own casual pool of workers who pick up additional hours or shifts but that do not hold a contract with the DHB.**
- **Agency = workers supplied by an agency to fill roster gaps. The spend in this category typically includes the cost of the worker plus the agencies commissions.**

The West Coast DHB employs both casual staff and agency workers (including locums) for the Nursing, Allied Health, and Medical professions.

Please see **Table One** below for the total spend on casual workers by the West Coast DHB for the past two financial years, broken down by Allied Health Professionals, Medical staff and Nursing staff.

Table One: West Coast DHB total spend on casual workers, by profession.

Spend on Casual Workers	Financial Year	
Professional Group	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Allied Health Professionals	\$465,342	\$455,636
Medical staff	\$181,725	\$55,122
Nursing	\$1,353,170	\$1,529,193
Grand Total	\$2,000,237	\$2,039,951

Please see **Table Two** below for the total spend on agency workers (including locums) by the West Coast DHB for the past two financial years, broken down by Allied Health Professionals, Medical staff and Nursing staff.

Table Two: West Coast DHB total spend on agency workers (including locums), by profession.

Spend on Agency Workers (including Locums)	Financial Year	
	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Professional Group		
Allied Health Professionals	\$35,792	\$69,508
Medical staff	\$6,832,218	\$8,821,319
Nursing	\$89,185	\$63,654
Grand Total	\$6,957,195	\$8,954,481

I trust 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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