



West Coast District Health Board

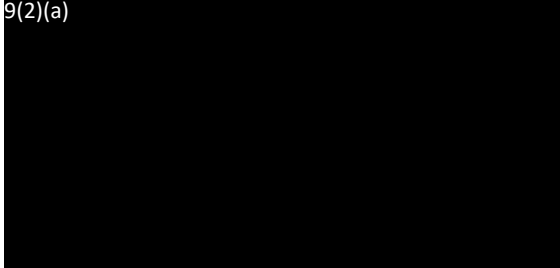
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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9610

I refer to your email dated 6 September 2021 to the Ministry of Health which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 22 September 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically: **Question 1**

In an interview for the following article the Health Minister Andrew Little told me that increasing the number of nurses who could help with intensive care would be a focus in the months ahead. Some DHBs hadn't done enough in that area, he said.

"There was extra funding provided last year, and an online module for more nurses to do ICU learning, so that they could go into an ICU environment if they were called for. Some DHBs got on top of it. Others haven't so much."

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/covid-19-big-read-will-the-health-system-cope-with-delta-and-the-unvaccinated-burden/FQFBPKE5WO6HJR7VT6NUUS253Q/>

In regards to the online training mentioned by the Minister, can I please request under the Official Information Act:

- 1. A breakdown by DHB showing how many nurses had completed the online ICU training module for nurses by August 17, and also now (most up to date figures available).**

Staff in this region are able to complete this course through a copy located on the West Coast DHB Educational Learner Management System, which was made live on the 26 August 2021, or through the Ministry of Health Educational Learner Management System LearnOnline.

Due to privacy restrictions, we are not able to access records directly from the Ministry of Health site.

The breakdown of staff numbers from the West Coast DHB Educational Learner Management System as at 22 September 2021 is as follows

Completed NZ Critical Care Pandemic Relief Team Resource Course

Nursing Staff – 4

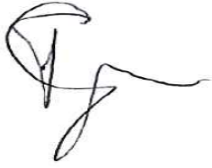
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Nursing Staff - 10

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 be 'Tracey Maisey', with a stylized, flowing script.

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