



# West Coast District Health Board

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### RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9613

I refer to your email dated 6 October 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB relating to the management of General Practitioners / Practices. Specifically:

1. **A list of all registered GP Practices registered with your DHB, including their practice name and physical address.**
2. **A total number of GPs working Full Time and Part Time with each of the above practices.**
3. **A total figure of current enrolled GP patients for each of the above practices.**

### Response

Please find below the data pertaining to the General Practices on the West Coast in answer to your three questions:

Enrolled Pop	General Practices	Number of GP FTEs in September 2021	Physical Street Address	Post Code
5,757	Buller Health Medical Centre	5.9 - mix of permanent and locum GPs	45 Cobden Street, Westport	7825
2,035	Coast Medical *	2 part-time permanent GPs	161 Palmerston Street, Westport	7825
1,618	Reefton Health	0.5 Locum GP	Sheil Street, Reefton	7851
4,204	Coastal Health *	3 part-time permanent GPs	70-74 Cowper Street, Greymouth	7805
10,187	Te Nikau Integrated Family Health Centre	6.7 - mix of permanent and locum	Te Nikau Grey Hospital and Health Centre, 71 Waterwalk Road, Greymouth	7805
5,701	Westland Medical Centre *	1 full time permanent GP	54 Sewell Street, Hokitika	7810
1,463	South Westland	1 locum GP	97 Cron Street, Franz Josef	7886

**Notes to data:** Within the data above, those three general practices marked with an asterisk thus \* denote privately owned practices. The other four general practices listed above are owned by West Coast DHB, with the address listed being the site of their primary facility location. The DHB practices based in Westport, Greymouth and South Westland also operate satellite clinics at other campuses within their wider respective districts.

We have provided the number of General Practitioners in each practice but note that this does not represent the whole spectrum of clinical support in the practices given the mixed model of care that is operated in the West Coast region. Along with permanent resident GP doctors, a number of practices also have locum GPs, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Prescribers that are able to prescribe to patients. In addition to their

permanent and locum GPs, the DHB-owned practices in Greymouth and Westport also have direct input from the DHB's Rural Generalist doctors and Rural Hospital Medical specialists who provide support services to help cover rosters and conduct clinics in the role of General Practitioners. It is not possible to define the FTE for these additional clinicians in this regard, but they form a part of overall general practice care and support provided. A count of the number of GPs per general practice alone should therefore not be inferred or construed as forming the whole picture of primary care workforce or services delivery on the West Coast.

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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