

20 August 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: OIA request – Annual leave taken by Senior Medical Officers (SMOs)**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 28 July seeking information about the number of annual leave days taken by SMOs from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

**The total number of annual leave (AL) days taken by (all) Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) in your employ in each of the following months:**

- a. December 2018 and
- b. January 2019 and
- c. December 2019 and
- d. January 2020.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

SMOs - AL taken	Dec 18	Jan 19	Dec 19	Jan 20
Number of days	1,396	1,835	1,250	1,730

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fiona McCarthy', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Fiona McCarthy**  
**Director Human Resources**  
**Waitematā District Health Board**