

**DHB Board Office** 

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Dear

## Re: OIA request – Community-based attachments

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 16 June seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about community-based attachments accredited to the DHB.

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

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing health districts in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

On 16 June, we contacted Waikato DHB to ask if we could provide this information directly to you, outside of the OIA process. On 17 June, you advised that you preferred to keep the request under the OIA process.

On 21 June, we contacted you to advise that we could provide the information directly, rather than via through an OIA request. As we have not received a response, we are able to provide the following information:

I would like to make a request under the Official Information Act (1982) for the following data.

- 1. The total number of community-based attachments (CBAs) currently accredited at your DHB.
- 2. A breakdown of the types of CBA these are (e.g. urban GP, rural GP, sexual health clinic, public medicine, urgent care, etc.)

CBAs allow for pre-vocational medical training for House Officers in a community setting. The accredited House Officer CBA runs for Waitematā DHB as at 16 June 2022 are provided below.

Please note there are a number of other House Officer CBAs in progress but these are not yet accredited. Therefore, the information provided is current at the date of your request.

Waitematā DHB community-based attachments	
Type of CBA	Number of accredited runs
Rural GP	1
Mental Health	3
Community Geriatrics	1
Hospice	1
Paediatrics	1
Public Health Medicine	1
Urgent Care / ED	1

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



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