

28 September 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request

I refer to your official information request dated 18 September 2018.

Request:

1. For every psychologist employed under the APEX Psychologists' MECA since 1 June 2016, how much of their CPD allowance as per clause 14 of the MECA was spent (both in dollar value and percentage terms) in each year of their employment;
2. How many currently employed psychologists receive external supervision through an inter-DHB pooling arrangement, and how many receive external supervision funded by the DHB;
3. How many psychologists are employed on each step of the salary scale;
4. How many psychologists were eligible to apply for merit progression in the last twelve months (i.e. employed on steps 9 to 17);
5. How many psychologists applied for merit progression in the last twelve months;
6. How many psychologists had their merit progression applications approved in the last twelve months;
7. The headcount of psychologists employed by the DHB;
8. The total FTE of psychologists employed by the DHB;
9. How the total FTE of psychologists employed by the DHB is distributed and the location where the FTE is based (e.g. five FTE in adult community mental health in Tauranga, one FTE in inpatient mental

Response:

The information you have requested as below.

1. Wairarapa is not currently party to the APEX Psychologists MECA so cannot answer this question.
2. Psychologists employed by the Wairarapa DHB receive both external and internal supervision funded by the DHB.
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7. As at 25 September 2018, the headcount is 4.

8. As at 25 September 2018, employed FTE is 3.4 and we are currently advertising for a further 1.8FTE.

9. 3.2FTE is located in the Child, Adolescent Mental Health Team and 2.0FTE is located in the Adult Mental Health Team. Both of these teams are based in Masterton.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely



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