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Tēnā koe Robert

On 19 November 2020, the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) received a transfer from the Ministry of Education, regarding your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

There is a current need for more mental health professionals and the government plans to expand services. How many graduates have each of the individual training authorities (mainly universities and private professional organisations) in the discipline of psychotherapy produced in each of the last four years?

The TEC does not hold graduation information. However, the TEC does hold information on qualification completions. The completion year is the year the learner met the qualification completion requirements, and may not necessarily be the learner's graduation year.

I am releasing a table to you in *Appendix A*. This table provides you with the number of learners who completed the following psychotherapy qualifications: Graduate Diploma in Psychotherapy Studies and Master of Psychotherapy at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) over the past four years.

Please note that no other tertiary education organisation (TEO) funded by the TEC provides a qualification with psychotherapy in its title. However, psychotherapy may be delivered as a component of another qualification. I am also releasing this data to you with a number of caveats.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Tim Fowler
Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission



Appendix A: Number of psychotherapy qualification completions from 2016 to 2019

Qualification completion year	Number of learners
2016	12
2017	13
2018	42
2019	33
Total	100

Caveats

- Results are based on information reported through the single data return (SDR) for the purposes of funding tertiary education. The data does not include any reporting outside of the SDR and relies on the accuracy of data reported by TEOs.
- Data is as at 23 November 2020 for the qualification completion years 2016-2019 for Student Achievement Component (SAC) funded learners.
- The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand's registration criteria does not currently prescribe a list of required qualifications to be registered as a Psychotherapist. The data has been extracted using the keywords below in the completed qualification title:
 - Psychotherapy
 - Psycho therapy
 - Psycho-therapy
- TEC holds information on qualification completions; it does not hold graduation information. The completion year is the year the learner met the qualification completion requirements, and may not necessarily be the learner's graduation year.
- This data has been compiled specifically to respond to this question. It uses administrative data collected by the TEC for the purposes of funding tertiary education. Care should be taken when making comparisons with data collected or compiled for other purposes.