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Dear Amber

RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10832

We are writing to acknowledge your email received this morning requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding expected clinical working hours. Specifically:

With regards to general medicine and pediatrics departments.

1. what is the list of senior medical officers designated to be clinical supervisors for medical students from the university of Auckland (i.e. who are the SMOs who can sign CSRs)
2. from above, what is the FTE of each SMO, and number of hours expected on site.
 - a. if applicable, what is their salary as per Association of Salaries Medical Specialist contact.
 - b. what has this been for the last 10 years
 - c. if unavailable, what is their generic SMO payscale
3. to prevent burn often doctors get rostered time off
 - a. how many days in a row can an SMO work as per contact
 - b. what is the policy around SMO rostered days off
 - c. what compensation is given when SMO do work beyond their day off? e.g. come in on a RDO
4. With regards to house Officer
 - a. what are the run categories for house officers on paediatrics and general Medicine attachments, ergo number of expected hours
 - b. what is their pay as per PGY# and run category from above
 - c. what has this been for the last 10 years?
 - d. what is the maximum number of days house officers in the attachments above have to work in a row
 - e. what is the rostered day off policy for house officers in the rotations mentioned above?
5. With regards to trainee interns
 - a. how many hours per week are trainee interns expected to be on placement in runs above?
 - b. as they are not paid, what protections are ensured trainee interns have proper rest and food breaks?
 - c. how many days in a row are trainee interns expected to be on placement
 - d. what is the DHB policy for rostered days off for trainee interns
 - e. how does DHB manage the expectations for trainee interns to be present with their health and wellbeing in a demanding field?

We will consider your request against the provisions of the Official Information Act (see overleaf) and advise you of our decision regarding the release of information within 20 working days (being the statutory timeframe provided within the Act.)

Accordingly, we will notify you, no later than 13 April 2022 of our decision.

Please note: Due to the pandemic, staff throughout our system have been redeployed and are involved with dealing with the response to Omicron/COVID-19. This work will take priority and may create delays in our ability to respond to Official Information Act requests.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. (Kathleen.Smitheram@cdhb.health.nz; phone (03) 364-4134).

Please refer to the OIA numbers above when phoning or emailing. If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely



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15 Decisions on requests

(1) Subject to this Act, the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation to whom a request is made in accordance with [section 12](#) or is transferred in accordance with [section 14](#) of this Act or [section 12](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 20 working days after the day on which the request is received by that department or Minister of the Crown or organisation,—

(1)(a) decide whether the request is to be granted and, if it is to be granted, in what manner and for what charge (if any); and

(1)(b) give or post to the person who made the request notice of the decision on the request

[If we are unable to make a decision on your request by the date noted above, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.]