

10 May 2018

Shay McGuinness

By email to: fyi-request-7600-86726aba@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Shay

Re Official Information Request - Employee Screening Vulnerable Children's Act

I refer to your official information request dated 12 April 2018 for information about child health worker staffing and screening as required by the Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA).

The information you have requested is enclosed. We have provided the information under each of your questions below.

1. How many employment positions Auckland DHB has in total?

There are 10,557 positions at Auckland DHB.

2. How many of the total employees have been designated as Core Children's Workers?

Auckland DHB has determined 7,699 as children's worker roles.

3. How many of the total employees have been designated as non-core Children's workers?

For the purposes of VCA checks we have not differentiated between core children's and non-core children's roles. Auckland DHB has taken the position that both core and non-core children's roles should have VCA checking.

4. The total cost to Auckland DHB to date of VCA checks on Auckland DHB employees, broken down as Police check costs, Personnel (HR and manager) and other costs?

We can only provide the cost of Police checks, which is \$8.50 per application. This fee was payable from December 2017. Both HR Advisor and Manager time and costs make up part of those employees' ordinary working week.

5. How many existing employees were discovered to have something that prevented them from continuing to be employed as a children's worker as a result of the VCA checks?

There have been 3 employees to date.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ailsa Claire'.

Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive