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By way of email only: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request: Pharmacists

Further to your letter dated 23 July 2020 made under the Official Information Act 1982.

Specifically, you requested:

- **The actual number of Pharmacists – i.e. headcount.**

Waikato DHB currently has 47 staff identifying as a Pharmacist.

- **The actual number of Pharmacy Technicians – i.e. headcount**

Waikato DHB currently has 22 staff identifying as a Pharmacy Technician – there are currently 2 vacancies

- **The actual number of Pharmacy Assistants – i.e. headcount**

Waikato DHB currently has 8 staff identifying as a Pharmacy Assistants.

- **The number of employees, broken down into Pharmacists, Technicians, and Assistants on each salary step**

Staff type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	15	Total
Pharmacist	<5	<5	6	6	8	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	47
Technicians - Pharmacy	<5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5							22
Assistant – Pharmacy														8

Please Note: <5 indicates we have staff on this step level but as there are fewer than 5 in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act we are withholding the information to protect their privacy. With regard to the small number of Pharmacy Assistants we are withholding all salary step information as per section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

- **For continuing professional development for DHB employed pharmacy staff:**
 - **Total budget for 2018 and 2019 financial years**
 - **Total spend for 2018 and 2019 financial years**



	2017/2018 financial year	2018/2019 financial year
Total Budget	36970.00	35774.00
Total Spend	34664.00	22860.00

Waikato DHB financial year is from 01 July until 30 June

It is important to note that a number of course/conferences were cancelled in the 2019 financial year due to Covid-19.

- **A breakdown of**
 - **Spend on training for qualifications including technicians level 5 and 6, pharmacist prescriber, and postgraduate diploma in clinical pharmacy.**
 - **Spend on all other professional development**


Technician Training (all levels)	\$3030.00
Pharmacist prescriber qual	Nil – Course not offered
PG Diploma Clinical Pharmacy	\$6500.00
All Other	\$13330.00

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

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely



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