

21 June 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: OIA request – Annual leave taken by Senior Medical Officers (SMOs)**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 28 May 2021 seeking information about the number of annual leave days taken by SMOs from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

**The total number of annual leave (AL) days taken by (all) Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) in your employ in each of the following months:**

- a. December 2020 and
- b. January 2021.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

SMOs - AL taken	December 2020	January 2021
Number of days	1,528	2,088

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely,



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