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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – Information relating to Resident Medical Officers (RMOs)

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 23 September 2020. The request is for information relating to the number of Resident Medical Officers (RMOs) that are Australian citizens or graduates of an Australian medical school.

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

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

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

How many RMOs employed by the DHB are Australian citizens or graduates of an Australian medical school and a breakdown of these employees stating whether each one is a house officer or registrar and their specialty.

RMO type and specialty	Australian Citizens or Australian Graduate
House Officer	
Pre-Vocational	8
Senior House Officer	
Anaesthesia	1-3*
Registrar	
Anaesthesia	1-3*
Emergency Medicine	1-3*
Internal Medicine	9
Medical Administration	1-3*
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1-3*

Paediatrics	1-3*
Psychiatry	1-3*
Radiology	1-3*
Surgery	4

* Where there are three or fewer RMOs who are Australian citizens or graduates of an Australian medical school, we have withheld the exact number and instead stated a range of between 1-3.

We have withheld the exact number to protect the privacy of the RMOs involved as stating the exact number would be likely to make the individual RMOs identifiable. Withholding to protect the privacy of individuals is permitted under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

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.

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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