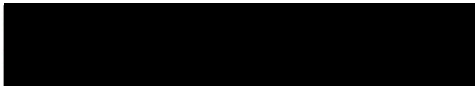




03 December 2020



Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: OIA request – Pacific heritage of Board members and Board Chair**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request transferred to us by the Ministry of Health (MoH) on 6 November 2020 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about the Pacific heritage of Board members.

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:

***Could you please answer how many district health board members have Pacific heritage, and how many district health board Chairs have Pacific heritage? Pacific heritage in this regard is defined as self-identification as having any Pacific heritage.***

Waitematā DHB normally has 11 Board members, seven are elected and four appointed by the Minister of Health. The DHB currently has two vacancies on its Board; the Minister of Health will appoint members to fill these vacancies.

There is no-one currently on the Board, including the Chair, who identifies as having Pacific heritage.

Profiles of our board members are available at:

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/about-us/leadership/waitemata-board/>

Waitematā DHB's Consumer Council has Pacific representation via the Chair and one other member. Profiles of Consumer Council members can be found at:

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/about-us/consumer-council/>

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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**Waitematā District Health Board**