

13 June 2019

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Dear [REDACTED],

### Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, which we received via a partial transfer from the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 30 May 2019, under Section 14 of the Act. The Ministry advised you that they do not hold the information to respond to questions 2 (a) and 5 of your request, and they had been advised that this information is held by the District Health Boards (DHBs). You asked the following questions:

- 2.(a) **How many psychologists are in paid employment within the various DHB's in-patient mental health services?**
5. **What psychological services are funded by the Ministry of Health where a psychologist needs a Masters Level, or higher qualification?"**

For mental health services provided by Counties Manukau Health, a response to each question is below. We note that other mental health services provided across the Counties Manukau community may also employ psychologists, and /or receive funding for psychological services.

#### Question 2.(a)

At Counties Manukau DHB we have three in-patient services for Mental Health, being Tiaho Mai (acute adult inpatient service), Tamaki Oranga Recovery Centre (TORC - rehabilitation centre for men living with the effects of severe mental illness), and Koropiko (mental health ward for people aged 65 and over).

- **Tiaho Mai** has 1.0 FTE for a clinical psychologist, and the newly appointed psychologist will start in July 2019.
- **TORC** has 1.0 FTE position for a clinical psychologist, which is currently vacant.
- **Koropiko** shares their psychology resource with the two community Mental Health Services for Older People teams, and both full time (1.0 FTE) positions are currently vacant.

#### Question 5

By law, all psychologists are registered. They hold an Annual Practising Certificate, and have a minimum of a Master's degree in psychology, which is attained from a Psychologist Board accredited educational organisation, or an equivalent qualification.

The table (**below**) provides a summary of the CM Health (DHB funded) services that currently have either clinical or health psychologists in their staff establishment, and the FTE allocation for each

service. There are also three counsellors and psychotherapists employed in Mental Health Services at Counties Manukau Health, who are not required to have a Master's degree qualification.

<b>Clinical and Health Psychology – June 2019</b>	
<b>Mental Health</b>	
<b>South Team</b>	<b>Total</b>
Franklin	2.0 FTE
Papakura Manurewa	4.0 FTE
Manukau North	2.5 FTE (incl. Associate Professional Leader)
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	6.0 FTE (incl. Clinical Team Coordinator) <i>2 intern psychologists (in last year of post-graduate training)</i>
<b>North Team</b>	
Otara/ Mangere	3.0 FTE
East	6.0 FTE
CAMHS	6.0 FTE <i>0.8 FTE Registered Counsellor (not Masters level)</i>
Pacifika Service	1.0 FTE
<b>District-Wide Services</b>	
Intensive Community Team	1.0 FTE <i>1 Intern Psychologist</i>
Dual Disability	2.0 FTE
Infant Mental Health	2.0 FTE <i>2.0 FTE Psychotherapist (not Masters level)</i>
Inter-behavioural Team	1.0 FTE
Maternal Mental Health	3.2 FTE (incl. Clinical Team Coordinator) <i>1 Intern Psychologist</i>
Youth Forensic Service	1.0 FTE
Early Psychosis Intervention Team	2.0 FTE <i>1 Intern Psychologist</i>
Mental Health Services for Older People	2.0 FTE
<b>Acute Mental Health Services</b>	
Tiaho Mai	1.0 FTE
Tamaki Oranga	1.0 FTE
<b>Total Mental Health: Psychology FTE: 46.7</b>	
Plus	
<i>5 Intern Clinical Psychologists in last year of post-graduate degree training (teams noted in table)</i>	
<i>2.8 Psychotherapists / Registered Counsellor (not Masters level training) - (noted in table)</i>	

<b>Physical Health</b>	
<b>Kidz First</b>	<b>Total</b>
Child Development Service	1.0 FTE
Centre for Youth Health	0.3 FTE
<b>Adult Rehabilitation &amp; Health of Older People</b>	
Assessment, Treatment Rehabilitation Unit	2.6 FTE
Spinal Rehabilitation Unit	0.5 FTE
<b>Surgery</b>	
Intensive Care	1.0 FTE
Plastics	0.7 FTE
Burns	0.8 FTE
Chronic / Complex Pain	1.4 FTE <i>1 Intern Psychologist</i>
<b>Medicine</b>	
Paediatric Consult Liaison Team (PCLT)	1.1 FTE
Cancer Support	1.8 FTE <i>1 Intern Psychologist</i>
Renal / Diabetes	1.0 FTE <i>2 Intern Psychologists</i>
Cardiac / Respiratory / Rheumatology	1.2 FTE <i>1 Intern Psychologist</i>
Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)/ Otorhinolaryngology (ORL)	0.4 FTE
<b>Total Physical Health: Psychology FTE: 13.5</b> <i>Plus</i> <i>5 Intern Health Psychologists in last year of post-graduate degree training (work place noted in table)</i>	

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query.

If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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