

9th September 2020



Email: 

Dear 

Official Information Act Request for - Pharmacists data and budget

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us **23 July 2020** requesting the following information:

APEX requests the data and/or information held by your District Health Board, with regards to Pharmacy Assistants, Trainee Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians, Intern Pharmacists, and Pharmacists. Could you please provide the following information:

We require:

- **The actual number of Pharmacists – i.e. headcount.**
- **The actual number of Pharmacy Technicians – i.e. headcount**
- **The actual number of Pharmacy Assistants – i.e. headcount**
- **The number of employees, broken down into Pharmacists, Technicians, and Assistants on each salary step**
- **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**
 - **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**

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 7,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal

services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

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

Pharmacists Employed at CMDHB as at 12/08/2020		
Position	Headcount	Comment
Pharmacists	58	Excluding casuals
Pharmacy Technicians	20	Excluding casuals
Pharmacy Assistants	-	

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

Pharmacists	
Step	Headcount
15	5
13	6
12	8
9	5
8	7
6	7
5	9
Technicians	
8	11

- 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

Pharmacy Professional Development for Financial Years 2018/2019	
Total budget for 2018 and 2019 financial years	\$ 29,968
Total spend for 2018 and 2019 financial years	\$ 29,614

- A breakdown of:
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 - Spend on all other professional development

Breakdown of Spend on:	
Training for qualifications including technicians level 5 and 6, pharmacist prescriber, and postgraduate diploma in clinical pharmacy	\$ 22,894
All other professional development	\$ 6,720

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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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