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### **Official Information Act Request - OIA 13673 Number of Psychologists at WDHB**

On 29 July 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

Pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 the Association of Professionals and Executive Employees requests the following information:

1. How many psychologists does the DHB employ, both in body count and FTE?
2. How many psychologists who are APEX Members are on the APEX MECA pay scale between steps 1-9?
3. How many psychologists who are APEX Members are on the APEX MECA pay scale on Steps 10 and above?
4. How many psychologists on Step 10 or above on the APEX MECA pay scale applied for merit progression, applying for a one step increase?
5. How many psychologists on Step 10 or above on the APEX MECA pay scale applied for merit progression, applying for more than a one-step increase?
6. How many psychologists on Step 10 or above on the APEX MECA pay scale were successful in their merit application for more than a one-step increase?
7. How many psychologists between steps 1-9 on the APEX MECA pay scale applied for accelerated advancement as per clause 9 (a).
8. How many psychologists between steps 1-9 on the APEX MECA pay scale were successful in their application for accelerated advancement as per clause 9 (a), and how many steps were they awarded?

### **Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

#### **1. How many psychologists does the DHB employ, both in body count and FTE?**

Headcount = 6  
FTE = 5.175

#### **2. How many psychologists who are APEX Members are on the APEX MECA pay scale between steps 1-9?**

Two (2) employees are on the APEX MECA pay scales steps 1 - 9.

#### **3. How many psychologists who are APEX Members are on the APEX MECA pay scale on Steps 10 and above?**

Three (3) employees are on the APEX MECA pay scales steps 10 and above.



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**4. How many psychologists on Step 10 or above on the APEX MECA pay scale applied for merit progression, applying for a one step increase?**

One (1) employee on the APEX MECA steps 10 and above applied for a Merit (1-Step) increase.

**5. How many psychologists on Step 10 or above on the APEX MECA pay scale applied for merit progression, applying for more than a one-step increase?**

No employee on the APEX MECA steps 10 and above applied for more than a one-step increase.

**6. How many psychologists on Step 10 or above on the APEX MECA pay scale were successful in their merit application for more than a one-step increase?**

The one (1), one-step merit application received is currently under consideration.

**7. How many psychologists between steps 1-9 on the APEX MECA pay scale applied for accelerated advancement as per clause 9 (a).**

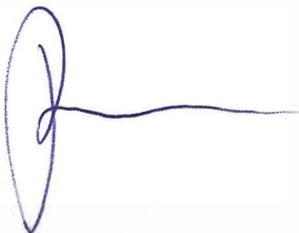
One (1) employee between steps 1 and 9 on the APEX MECA applied for accelerated advancement.

**8. How many psychologists between steps 1-9 on the APEX MECA pay scale were successful in their application for accelerated advancement as per clause 9 (a), and how many steps were they awarded?**

One employee between steps 1 and 9 on the APEX MECA was successful in their application and two (2) steps were awarded.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

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