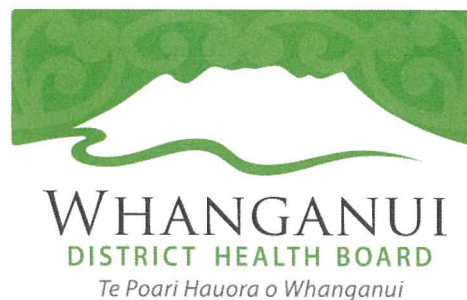


21 August 2020

Denise Tairua  
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**Via email:** pharmacist@apex.org.nz

Dear Denise

### Official Information Act Request – OIA 13004 DHB Pharmacists

On 23 July 2020, 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, 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

### Whanganui District Health Boards response:

In accordance with s.9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, we are withholding the information on individual employees in order to protect their privacy. We can, however provide the following aggregate information on the WDHBs' Pharmacists, Technicians and Assistants workforce:

#### Pharmacists employed at Whanganui DHB at 19 August 20

Headcount	5
Full-time equivalents	4.15

#### Length of Service with DHB:

Less than 1 year	[s.9(2)(a)]
Between 1 and five years	1
Between 5 and 10 years	3
Over 10 years	[s.9(2)(a)]

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**Pharmacy Technicians** (including trainee) employed at Whanganui DHB at 19 August 20

Headcount	6
Full-time equivalents	4

Length of Service with DHB:

Less than 1 year	[s.9(2)(a)]
Between 1 and five years	0
Between 5 and 10 years	3
Over 10 years	[s.9(2)(a)]

Information for categories with fewer than 3 to 5 individuals have been withheld under s.9(2)(a) in order to protect the privacy of these individuals

Distribution through salary scale

**Pharmacists (1 on Managers Scale)**

Step	4-Nov-19	
16	\$110,519	
15	\$106,898	
14	\$104,495	
13	\$100,251	
12	\$96,008	
11	\$91,434	
10	\$86,406	
9	\$82,765	1
8	\$80,292	
7	\$77,330	1
6	\$75,078	
5	\$72,005	2
4	\$67,337	
3	\$62,671	
2	\$58,002	
1	\$53,335	

**Technician - Designated Positions**

Step	4-Nov-19	
8	\$69,012	
7	\$65,695	
6	\$62,673	1
5	\$60,281	

**Technician – Qualified**

Step	4-Nov-19	
5	\$60,281	4
4	\$56,123	

3	\$54,044	
2	\$49,890	
1	\$46,560	

**Technician – Trainee**

Step	4-Nov-19	
3	\$46,560	1
2	\$43,236	
1	\$39,908	

**Pharmacy Interns**

4-Nov-19		
	\$49,904	1

**Pharmacy Assistants**

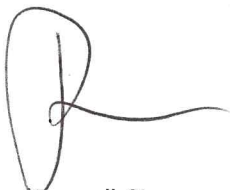
4-Nov-19		
4	\$49,904	
3	\$46,120	
2	\$42,569	
1	\$39,908	

**Continuing professional development** for DHB employed pharmacy staff:

Year	Total Budget	Total Spend	Spend on Pharmacy Tech Level 5 or 6	Spend on Pharmacy Prescriber	Spend on Post Grad Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy (50% of total cost -including flights, accommodation - reimbursed upon completion of paper)
2018/2019	\$14,007	\$15,795	0	0	\$3024 (1 pharmacist)
2019/2020	\$11145	\$11048	0	0	Expect the same (end 2020)

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)

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson  
**Chief Executive**