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RE Official information request CDHB 10811

I refer to your email dated 2 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Total number of PGY1 positions filled through ACE matching process from 2014-2020?**
- 2. Total number of PGY1 positions filled by NZREX doctors from 2014-2020? (numbers broken down by year?)**
- 3. Total number of PGY1 positions filled by IMGs from Comparable Health countries from 2014-2020?**

Year	1. Positions filled through ACE	2. Positions filled by NZREX	3. Positions filled by IMG
2014	42	0	0
2015	44	3	0
2016	47	2	0
2017	48	0	0
2018	52	1	0
2019	53	0	0
2020	53	0	0

- 4. Do you have any preference criteria for PGY1 job hiring candidates?**

Prior to 2022 the likelihood of appointing an NZREX doctor was very low due to Health Workforce New Zealand requiring District Health Boards to employ all New Zealand medical graduates. In 2021 we appointed one who had completed an observership at Canterbury DHB as we had a PGY1 take a quarter off. For the 2022 RMO year we have 2FTE approved in partnership with Pasifika Futures to appoint 2 Pasifika graduates.

5. How does the DHB prioritise NZREX candidates?

For the 2022 RMO year as a result of additional funding, we are prioritising Pasifika graduate(s). Health Workforce New Zealand does not provide funding for any additional PGY1 positions. In the 2022 RMO year Canterbury DHB has employed an additional 13 PGY1 NZ graduates as the graduation year was oversubscribed.

6. Is there any support programme available for NZREX doctors to get the PGY1 jobs?

No. Currently there is no funding for this.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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