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RE Official information request CDHB 10434 & WCDHB 9476

I refer to your email dated 25 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB regarding: the data and/or information held by your District Health Boards, with regards to psychotherapists, psychotherapists who use different titles but work primarily as a psychotherapist (i.e. clinical leads, professional leaders), and those carrying out the work of psychotherapists. Specifically:

1. **The actual number of psychotherapists employed by the DHB**
2. **The actual number of psychotherapists engaged as contractors by the DHB**
3. **The number of psychotherapists on each salary step**
4. **For continuing professional development for DHB employed psychotherapists:**
 - **Total budget for 2018 and 2020 (separately)**
 - **Total spend for 2018 and 2019 (separately)**

Neither Canterbury DHB nor West Coast DHB employs anyone with the title 'Psychotherapist'.

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 and West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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