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Tēnā koe Liam,

Official information request HN200022583

Thank you for your email on 23 June 2023, asking for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please see below a response to each part of your request.

1. Of the November 2020/January 2021 PGY1 House Officer intake (who initially were employed under the 20 District Health Boards but have since been unified under the single employer of Te Whatu Ora), how many of these House Officers still remain presently employed within Te Whatu Ora in either a House Officer or Registrar capacity?

Te Whatu Ora has identified 509 New Zealand medical graduates who were registered by the Medical Council for the first time between November 2020 and January 2021. Out of the 509, 482 (94.7%) still held an annual practicing certificate as of 31 March 2023.

Of these, 481 (94.5% of the intake) reported in the Medical Council workforce survey that they were working as 'House Officer' or 'Registrar.' One did not specify their employment capacity, however, this does not mean that the person was not working as a 'House Officer' or 'Registrar.' Therefore, our best estimate is that 94.7% of the November 2020 to January 2021 intake were still employed within Te Whatu Ora in either a House Officer or Registrar capacity as of 31 March 2023.

2. As of July 1 2022 until presently. How many House Officers and Registrars have resigned from Te Whatu Ora?

We cannot provide the number of House Officers and Registrars that have resigned from Te Whatu Ora since 1 July 2022 as regional data is recorded differently and is not yet combined into a national health data system. A resignation in one area may also show as a new employee in another area so it is not possible to provide the information you have requested. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) as Te Whatu Ora does not hold aggregate information, nor would this information be held at the district level to be able to exclude those instances where staff resign from one district to move to a role with another district.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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