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Dear Aarti

I refer to your Official Information Request dated 1 June in which you request:

1. The number and percentage (the total being full number of funded positions) of our vacancies in mental health doctors (registrars and consultants) in 2018 and 2019.
2. Whether there is a strategic plan in place to increase the numbers of mental health doctors, given the increased demands for mental health services, and the recent government budget announcements.

The table below provides FTE information as per question 1.

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glfrAccountRollupCodesDescription	glfrStaffTypeDescription	17/18 Actual FTE (Excl. Overtime)	17/18 Budget FTE (Excl. Overtime)	17/18 Variance	17/18 Variance %
Medical Personnel	Specialist Medical Officer	38.91	42.50	3.59	8.45%
	MOSS	4.58	4.98	0.40	7.99%
	Registrars	22.64	26.50	3.86	14.55%
	House Officers	6.58	7.00	0.41	5.89%
Grand Total		72.72	80.98	8.26	10.19%

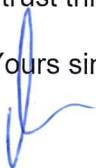
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glfrAccountRollupCodesDescription	glfrStaffTypeDescription	May 19 Actual FTE (Excl. Overtime)	18/19 Budget FTE (Excl. Overtime)	18/19 Variance	18/19 Variance %
Medical Personnel	Specialist Medical Officer	42.19	43.81	1.62	3.69%
	MOSS	6.00	4.98	-1.02	20.52%
	Registrars	23.31	26.50	3.19	12.04%
	House Officers	7.05	7.00	-0.05	0.78%
Grand Total		78.55	82.28	3.73	4.53%

In response to question 2, Waikato DHB's Strategy and Funding division (responsible for purchasing services, including mental health services) advise that there is no specific strategic plan to increase the numbers of medical staff in mental health. They further advise that Waikato DHB is in the process of developing Te Pae Tawhiti, our strategic framework for mental health and addictions which will ultimately guide future investment decisions.

I trust this responds to your OIA request.

Yours sincerely



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