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Tēnā koe Anthony

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-012104**

Thank you for your request of 1 July 2021 asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Specific to the expert advisory group mentioned in a recent request, please provide:*

- 1. Names of Clinicians*
- 2. Practice speciality in Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury*
- 3. Length of time in Practice pertaining to Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury*
- 4. Origin of Qualifications*

**We are unable to release personal information on public websites**

As per section 15(1)(b) of the Act, ACC has made the decision to provide you with the information requested in questions 1 and 2 of this request. As part of this response, we are able to provide you with the terms of reference for the expert advisory panel you refer to (the ACC TBI Advisory group). This will outline details of members on the panel, and the functions of the group.

However, we do not routinely release personal details on public websites, such as [fyi.org.nz](http://fyi.org.nz).

In this instance, as the response to your request contains information identifying individuals, we are prepared to send the information directly to your private email address.

Please can you send an email to [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz) confirming your private email address. Once we receive confirmation of your email address, we will send this part of the response.

*ACC takes privacy seriously*

The name of an ex-staff member has been withheld from the document to protect their privacy as we are unable to consult with them about the release of their name. This decision is made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. ACC has carefully considered whether there are reasons why it is desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available and is of the view that maintaining personal privacy outweighs any public interest in making this information available.

**Length of time in Practice pertaining to Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

ACC does not hold information regarding the length of time the above individuals have specialised in concussion/mild TBI. As ACC does not hold this information, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

**Origin of qualifications**

Information on the qualifications of Doctors of the panel are publicly available to view on the Medical Council of New Zealand website, found [here](#). As this information is publicly available, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

For the panel member who is an ACC Injury Prevention Partner (whose qualifications are not available on the Medical Council of New Zealand), their qualifications are considered personal information that we hold in relation to their employment at ACC. Therefore, we are withholding the requested

information. This decision has been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect their privacy. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect their privacy.

ACC does not hold information on the qualifications of those on the panel who are neither registered doctors nor ACC employees, so the request for information regarding their qualifications is refused under section 18(g).

**If you have any questions**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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