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Dear Amber

Official Information Act request:

Further to your letter dated 14 March 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982.

Specifically, you requested:

With regards to general medicine and paediatrics departments.

1) What is the list of senior medical officers designated to be clinical supervisors for medical students from the university of Auckland (i.e. who are the SMOs who can sign CSRs)

The information you requested is believed to be held by The University of Auckland – Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. In accordance with s14 of the Official Information Act this question has been transferred to the University of Auckland for a response. You will hear from them directly.

2) From above, what is the FTE of each SMO, and number of hours expected on site.

The information you requested is believed to be held by The University of Auckland – Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. In accordance with s14 of the Official Information Act this question has been transferred to the University of Auckland for a response. You will hear from them directly.

2a) if applicable, what is their salary as per Association of Salaries Medical Specialist contact

Salary payments are based on experience and the applicable step of the ASMS MECA. This part of the request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act because the information is publically available. Please refer to the publically available information on the ASMS website for this detail. <https://www.asms.org.nz/>

2a) What has this been for the last 10 years

As above this part of the request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act because the information is publically available. Please refer to the publically available information on the ASMS website for this detail. <https://www.asms.org.nz/>

2b) If unavailable, what is their generic SMO payscale

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3 To prevent burn often doctors get rostered time off

3a) How many days in a row can an SMO work as per contact

This is specific to the department they work in. Limitations about rostering and work can be found in MECA details published on the ASMS website <https://www.asms.org.nz/>

3b) What is the policy around SMO rostered days off

These would align with rosters worked by SMOs in the department. Rostered days off would likely pertain to departments who require SMOs to work shifts. Many departments like Paediatrics, medicine, psychiatry, and surgery do not require SMOs to work shifts. After hours arrangements vary from one service to another, but we are not aware that this includes RDO following after hours duties.

3c) What compensation is given when SMO do work beyond their day off? e.g. come in on a RDO

SMOs don't have RDO arrangements apart from those involved in shift work. When SMOs return to work during office or after hours when not rostered, and not responding to a crisis, they would be able to negotiate time in lieu with their managers. If they return to perform an additional shift, they expect additional pay for that session and the rate would be agreed by the unit manager.

4) With regards to house Officer

4a) What are the run categories for house officers on paediatrics and general Medicine attachments, ergo number of expected hours

Both General Medicine and Paediatric house officer attachments are category C. The numbers of hours for those categories and information in 4b) below is available in their respective MECAs. This part of the request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act because the information is publically available. Please refer to the publically available information on the websites - <https://nzrda.org.nz/rmos/meca/> and <https://www.stonz.co.nz/meca/>

4b) What is their pay as per pgy# and run category from above

This part of the request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act because the information is publically available. Please refer to the publically available information in the respective MECAs for this information. <https://nzrda.org.nz/rmos/meca/> and <https://www.stonz.co.nz/meca/>

4bi) What has this been for the last 10 years?

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4c) What is the maximum number of days house officers in the attachments above have to work in a row

This would depend on whether they are members of SToNZ (12 days) or NZRDA (10 days)

4d) What is the rostered day off policy for house officers in the rotations mentioned above?

Rostered days off are as per the respective MECAs. This part of the request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act because the information is publically available. Please refer to the publically available information on the <https://nzrda.org.nz/rmos/meca/> and <https://www.stonz.co.nz/meca/>

With regards to trainee interns

5) How many hours per week are trainee interns expected to be on placement in runs above?

Typically, this would be an 08h00 to 16h00 workday with expected lunch break 20-30 minutes and two tea/ coffee breaks of 15 minutes each.

5a) As they are not paid, what protections are ensured trainee interns have proper rest and food breaks?

Trainee Interns can take lunch and tea breaks as per hospital staff.

5b) How many days in a row are trainee interns expected to be on placement

The DHB does not have a policy for trainee interns as they are not employees of the DHB but students of the Auckland University. This part of your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act because the information requested does not exist.

5c) What is the DHB policy for rostered days off for trainee interns

The DHB does not have a policy for trainee interns as they do not fall under the remit of the DHB – they are not employees of the DHB but students of the Auckland University. This part of your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act because the information requested does not exist.

5d) How does DHB manage the expectations for trainee interns to be present with their health and wellbeing in a demanding field.

As they fall under the remit of the Auckland University, the DHB understands that pathways for wellbeing and access to care exists through the clinical school and university.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to withhold information. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely



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