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Dear Matthew

Official Information request – Clinical psychology placements

I refer to your request for official information dated 29 August 2022.

The University of Waikato (**University**) has given due consideration to your request regarding the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (**PGDipPsych(Clin)**) and provides the following information.

1. How many placement positions have been available to postgraduate clinical psychology students at your tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?

The University offered 8 placement positions per year from 2017. Since 2020, the University has increased the intake placements by 1 per year.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
8	8	8	9	10

2. How many students have attained a postgraduate clinical psychology degree from your tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?

The table below provides the number of students awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology in the last 5 years.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
6	7	5	8	8

3. What is the number of students who have undertaken a placement as part of a postgraduate clinical psychology degree through your tertiary education institution, annually, over the past five years?

The table below provides the number of placement students that have completed the PGDipPsych(Clin) in the last five years. Please note, for second and third-year placements, the number is approximately double the number of students due to students starting or returning from leave, or requiring a third internship/placement.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Year 1	8	8	7	9	10
Year 2	16	18	16	15	15
Year 3	18	18	21	16	15
Total	42	44	44	40	40

In accordance with the Official Information Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Operating Officer