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Tēnā koe,

### **Request under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2024, requesting the following information from Ara | Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Ara):

*- Data on the geographical location of students accepted to the Ara Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health Degree course organized by year from the year of the programme's inception, which I believe is from the academic year 2018 to the current intake of 2024.*

*- Data on the student completion rate (graduation) by intake year of the PGDip Osteopathy from it's first cohort completion which I believe to be 2021 to cohort year 2023.*

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

### **The decision**

The information you have requested is attached at **Appendix One**. In some cases, providing the exact breakdown you have requested yields results of less than four ākonga or kaimahi. Where this is the case, we have withheld the exact numbers with reliance on section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, and have not provided all totals in order to reduce the ability to determine the exact count. We do not believe the need to withhold this information is outweighed by the public interest in its release.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

We may publish our OIA responses and the information contained in our reply to you on our website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large circular flourish above the name.

Gus Gilmore  
**Tumuaki** | Chief Executive

# APPENDIX ONE

## Data on the geographical location of students accepted to the Ara Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health Degree:

SDR YEAR		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
QUAL	Region*	No of Students	No of Students	No of Students	No of Students	No of Students	No of Students	No of Students
CH4063	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>
	Auckland			< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4	
	Canterbury	12	31	46	60	57	52	60
	Hawkes Bay				< 4	< 4	< 4	
	Manawatu-Wanganui			< 4	< 4		< 4	< 4
	Marlborough			< 4	< 4	< 4		
	Nelson					< 4		
	Northland		< 4	< 4	< 4	4	4	< 4
	Otago		< 4	4	4	< 4		< 4
	Southland		< 4					< 4
	Taranaki			< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4	
	Tasman		< 4	< 4	< 4			
	Unknown		< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4		
	Wellington		< 4		< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4
West Coast	< 4							
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>

## Data on the student completion rate (graduation) by intake year of the PGDip Osteopathy:

Year	2021		2022		2023	
	Students	Grads	Students	Grads	Students	Grads
<b>CH4064 Postgraduate Diploma in Osteopathy</b>	7	< 4	20	15	25	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>&lt; 4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>