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Tēnā koe John

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 27 January 2025 for information regarding the Appointment of Director of Area Addiction Services. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

*A copy of the appointment letter sent to the appointee (one example is sufficient), feel free to redact any personal information.*

Please find a copy of the appointment letter sent to Dr Denise Greene enclosed as document 1.

*Do you issue warrant cards to the appointee, if so, an example of the warrant card would be much appreciated.*

No, the Ministry does not issue warrant cards to the appointee. On an application by a Director of Area Addiction Services or a constable, a District Court Judge or (if no Judge is available) a Registrar, may issue a warrant (Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 2017 s107).

*The job description of the Director of Area Addiction Services.*

Please see below: *Guideline on the Role and Function of Directors of Area Addiction Services*. The guideline is the equivalent to a job description and is publicly available on the Ministry's website: [www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/mental-health-and-addiction/substance-addiction-act/sacat-resources#toc-0-5](http://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/mental-health-and-addiction/substance-addiction-act/sacat-resources#toc-0-5). As such, this part of your request is refused under 18(d) of the Act.

Document 1 identified in scope of your request is itemised in Appendix 1 and copies of the document is enclosed. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

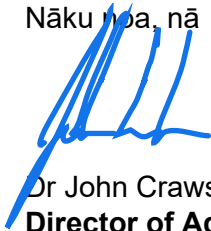
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I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry's website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



Dr John Crawshaw

**Director of Addiction Services**

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## Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	17/01/2025	Letter – Approval as Director of Area Addiction Services	Released in full.

17 January 2025

Dr Denise Greene  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Lakes

By email: [Denise.Greene@lakesdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Denise.Greene@lakesdhb.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe Dr Greene

**Approval as Director of Area Addiction Services for Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Taranaki, under the Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 2017**

I am pleased to confirm that I have appointed you as Director of Area Addiction Services (Area Director) for Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Taranaki under section 88(1) of the Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 2017. This appointment will take effect from **20 January 2025** and expire on **31 July 2025**.

If you wish to nominate a delegate Area Director, you must be satisfied that the selected health professional has adequate experience and competence in the treatment of people who have severe substance addictions. You can nominate a delegate by sending through a cover letter, along with their curriculum vitae and confirmation that they are a registered health professional to my office at [MentaHealthAdmin@health.govt.nz](mailto:MentaHealthAdmin@health.govt.nz).

In addition, if you are absent from your role as Area Director, due to annual leave or illness, or any other reason, please notify me by sending an email to my office with the arrangements for your cover and their contact information.

Nāku moa, nā

  
Dr John Crawshaw  
**Director of Addiction Services**  
**Clinical, Community and Mental Health | Te Pou Whakakata**