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Dear Lait

**Re Official Information Act Request – Number of PGY1 positions filled by PGY2 or higher candidate**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 13 January 2017 and transferred to us on 25 January 2017 requesting the following information:

**Could you please provide the exact figure of last 3 years for the following?**

- 1. Total Number of New Zealand medical graduates who were unable to find a PGY1 position in 2016 intake.**

This question has been transferred to DHB Shared Services for a national response.

- 2. Total number of designated PGY1 positions across all DHB's where, following a withdrawal or decline by ACE matched candidates, PGY2 or higher candidates were appointed.**

All positions offered through ACE to PGY1 House Officers were matched to the DHB as per the ACE process. This included a number of second offers to ACE PGY 1 candidates to account for declines.

In 2016 subsequent withdrawals by candidates resulted in a lower number of PGY1s commencing employment to the number originally matched to Auckland DHB. Further offers were not required to fill these positions however, due to a high number of existing employees at PGY2 House Officer level, who had on-going employment and required an allocation, or a further PGY1 allocation to meet MCNZ general registration requirements.

**3. Out of these appointments :-**

**a) Breakdown of appointments quarter wise.**

As above, no appointments were made of PGY 2 or higher candidates to fill PGY 1 positions during this period.

In November 2016, where one PGY 1 withdrew and did not commence employment, the PGY 1 position was filled by an existing House Officer already employed, no additional offer was made.

**b) How many were existing employee and required further PGY1 allocation to meet MCNZ general registration requirements.**

In November 2016, when one PGY 1 withdrew and did not commence employment, this position was filled by an existing employee who required further PGY 1 allocations to meet MCNZ general registration requirements.

**c) How many of these appointees satisfied MCNZ registration requirements through comparable health care system or competent authority**

Nil.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive