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Dear Mr Easton,

I am responding to your request for information under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982. Your request was dated Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2012.

1. Your request for "guidelines instructions memorandums etc" is too wide. Our clinical practice is guided by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Practice Guidelines for Opioid Substitution Treatment in New Zealand (2008). This information is available on the MOH website, under publications.
2. Your second question is unclear. Your question asks for the number of health practitioners within CCDHB qualified to supervise the administration of OST. . In order to answer this question satisfactorily, I would need more clarity around what you actually wanted to know. The administration of methadone refers to dispensing, and this is done by registered nurses on our premises or pharmacists within the community. Any registered nurse can supervise the administration of Opioids. Only doctors working in gazetted services can prescribe opioids for addiction, although doctors working in gazetted services can also authorise general practitioners to prescribe opioids for addiction to individual clients.
3. We are currently providing opioid substitution treatment to 440 clients.
4. I cannot answer your final question. We do not hold that information.



**Clarissa Broderick**