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Dear Jan

**Official Information Act Response: teaching hospital questions**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act which Lakes DHB received on 20 July 2018.. Please see the following answers to your questions.

**Question 1**

*Was the Lakes District Health Board paid to have the Sri Lankan "fellow" Dr Malarchchi out in NZ carrying out surgeries*

**Response:**

Official Information Act Section 9 – Privacy outlines the requirements to protect the privacy of individuals. To be able to release information about individual employees we would need to have their consent.

Lakes DHB, like other DHBs does employ overseas medical graduates as registrars, as there are insufficient numbers of New Zealand graduates available. All overseas applicants have to abide by the rigorous Medical Council requirements to be registered to practice in New Zealand. Registrars are generally employed for a twelve month period.

**Question 2**

*How many times had he performed surgeries at the Lakes District Health Board previously?*

**Response:**

We are unable to supply this information about an individual employee. Lakes DHB is able to advise that all orthopaedic registrars perform surgery during their employment whilst under the supervision of an orthopaedic specialist.

**Question 3**

*How many surgeries did he perform whilst in New Zealand?*

**Response:**

We are unable to supply this information.

**Question 4**

*What was the complete amount of monies received by the Lakes District Health Board for having Dr Malarchchi "trained" by themselves?*

**Response:**

None

**Question 5**

*What is the total amount of money received by the Lakes DHB for being involved as a "teaching hospital"?*

**Response:**

For the 2015/16 year Lakes DHB received \$ 1,565,857.30 which covered pre-vocational, first and second year house officers and NZ graduate registrars enrolled on recognised training programmes.

**Question 6**

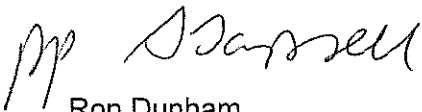
*Who was that money was received from ?*

**Response:**

The funding for training of junior medical staff is received from Health Workforce New Zealand.

Please note that we may publish this letter and enclosed documents (with your personal information removed) on Lakes DHB's website.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**

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