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Re: Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act received on 28 April 2022 seeking the following information from by Lakes District Health Board (DHB):

“To help identify how the public workforce currently employs Gastroenterologists, I am emailing all District Health Boards in NZ to request job description information on the last 24 months of recently appointed Gastroenterologists. Are you able to please assist in providing answers to the following questions?”

1. How many SMO Gastroenterologists have been appointed to your DHB between the dates 1st April 2020 – 1st April 2022?
2. Were they employed in a sole Gastroenterology or dual Gastroenterology and General Medicine role?
3. For those employed in dual Gastro/Gen Med roles:
 - 3a. What was the full time equivalent (FTE) for each role?
 - 3b. Did the General Medicine role include General Medicine ward cover?

In response to your request, we can provide the following information:

1. How many SMO Gastroenterologists have been appointed to your DHB between the dates 1st April 2020 – 1st April 2022?

One SMO appointed.

2. Were they employed in a sole Gastroenterology or dual Gastroenterology and General Medicine role?

Two employed as dual gastroenterology and general medicines, and one employed solely for gastroenterology.

3. For those employed in dual Gastro/Gen Med roles:

a. What was the full time equivalent (FTE) for each role?

SMO	FTE	Scope
A & B	2.15 FTE	gastroenterology and general medicines
C	0.60 FTE	gastroenterology

As per the privacy withholding ground found in section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, we are releasing the information with shared FTEs across two SMOs for dual scope of gastroenterology and general medicines.

b. **Did the General Medicine role include General Medicine ward cover?**

Yes.

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