

23 May 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 28 April 2022. You have requested the following information:

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?*

Taranaki DHB did not appoint any Consultant Physician / Gastroenterologists between the dates of 1 April 2020 and 1 April 2022.

Our only gastroenterology specific appointment was a Medical Officer – Gastroenterology Fellow, which is a 12 month position as part of their advanced training.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Yours sincerely



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**GM People & Capability**