

22 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Te Whatu Ora Taranaki to your OIA request of 27 October 2022. You have requested the following information:

- *How many midwives have been brought into Taranaki from other regions to cover shifts at Taranaki Base or Hāwera Hospitals when there has not been enough staff in the years:*
  - *September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021?*

No locums were contracted over this period.

- *October 01, 2021 to September 30, 2022?*

Since December 2021 when we started using locums midwives, we have requested up to 1-2 locum midwives per week. Many of the locums have worked with us on multiple occasions, for 1-2 week blocks at a time.

- *How much has this cost in airfares, accommodation etc for each of the two years?*

From December 2021 to 30 September 2022 reimbursement for accommodation, flights, etc, was approx \$65,000.00.

- *What are the requirements for midwives to follow to be able to work at the hospital now the mandates have been lifted?*

Core (employed) midwives are expected to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

I trust this information answers your OIA request.

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Kind regards



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