

25 November 2022

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Official Information Act 1982 – OIA2022110202

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding radiology staffing, which was received by Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley District (CCHV) on 2 November 2022:

- *How many full time MITs/Radiographer and Radiologist positions are unfilled at Wellington Hospital?*
- *Are there particular staffing targets/levels the department seeks to adhere to? If so, what are these and where does the department sit?*
- *How many patients are currently waiting for CT scans, and how does this compare to the same time pre-pandemic i.e. as at November 1, 2019?*

District Health Boards were disestablished as legal entities on 1 July 2022 and Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand was established as a legal entity under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022. Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley District Health Boards are now one district known as Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley District. Both locations share information, staff, many services and a single Interim District Director. You will receive a response reflective of your request for either data sets from both locations or specifically one location.

Our response to your request is outlined below.

Response

- *How many full time MITs/Radiographer and Radiologist positions are unfilled at Wellington Hospital?*

MIT Vacancy (FTE) 02/11/2022 <i>(excludes Sonographers and Nuclear Medicine MIT)</i>	9.74 FTE
SMO Radiologist Vacancy (FTE) 02/11/2022	3.93 FTE

Vacancies are multifactorial and contributing factors include resignations – for family reasons, pursuit of other opportunities both within our services and externally, and relocating due to the cost of living in our region – and staff moving to different wards and units.

We continue to actively recruit to fill all vacancies, however, like other Districts, we face the challenge of a national and international shortage of qualified health professionals. We continue to work in partnership locally and nationally on active recruitment to fill all vacancies.

- *Are there particular staffing targets/levels the department seeks to adhere to? If so, what are these and where does the department sit?*

We try to recruit to fill all available vacancies.

MIT FTE Establishment <i>(excludes Sonographers and Nuclear Medicine MIT)</i>	63.02 FTE
SMO Radiologist Establishment	28.79 FTE

- *How many patients are currently waiting for CT scans, and how does this compare to the same time pre-pandemic i.e. as at November 1, 2019?*

November 1, 2019	2,288 patients on waiting list (planned and unplanned)
November 1, 2022	1,683 patients on waiting list (planned and unplanned)

Across our District we continue to see increasing demand for acute services from people with complex trauma, and very ill patients with increasingly complex conditions. These challenges are not unique to our District and are seen around the country.

Our services remain committed to providing safe care. We are confident that the vast majority of our patients receive safe, timely, and high quality services and we are continually looking at how we can improve the way we support and care for our patients.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the CCHV website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available at <https://www.ccdhb.org.nz/news-publications/information-releases-oia/> .

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can free phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku ite noa, nā



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