



West Coast District Health Board

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RE: Official information request WCDHB 9176

We refer to your letter dated 24 July 2018 and received on 27 July 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB regarding services experienced in our DHB by people with Multiple Sclerosis, with a particular focus on Neurology services. Specifically Staffing Numbers.

- 1. How many Neurologists do you have on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)**
- 2. How many Neurologists are Multiple Sclerosis Specialists on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)**
- 3. How many Neurologists on your staff see patients with Multiple Sclerosis?**
- 4. How many Neurology Nurses do you have on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)**
- 5. How many MS Nurse Specialists are on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)**

The West Coast DHB does not employ any Neurologists. Patients requiring the care of these services are referred to our regional tertiary provider, the Canterbury DHB.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website ten working days after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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