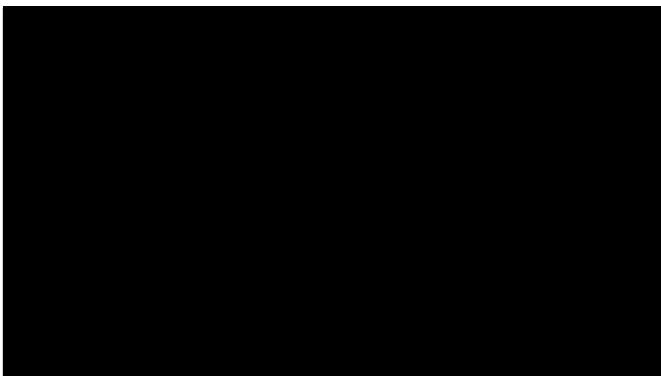


23 July 2019



Re Official Information Request – DHB Sonographers

I refer to your official information request dated 24 May 2019 requesting the following information:

APEX is currently assessing the workforce situation for Sonographers in Auckland.

Pursuant to section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982 the Association of Professionals and Executive Employees requests the following information:

Data Requested	For the year ending 30 June 2017	For the year ending 30 June 2018	For the year ending 30 June 2019 (to date)
Actual FTE (Sonographers)	18.15	15.22	15.16
Budgeted FTE (Sonographers)	18.77	18.77	18.77
Actual FTE (Trainee Sonographers)	5 (as one withdrew from program)	7	7.9
Budgeted FTE (Trainee Sonographers)	6	7	7
Total number of Trainee Sonographers achieving qualification	4	2	2
Total examinations (all sub-categories)	42858	42787	43684

Total examinations (ultrasound/general)	35093	35180	36275
Total examinations (cardiac) (adult and pediatric)	8992	9021	9233
Total examinations (vascular)	7765	7607	7409
Total examinations (paediatric echocardiography)	5195	5308	5780
Total expenditure on overseas recruitment of Sonographers	22,000	13,000	41,515

Data requested	At 30 June 2017	At 30 June 2018	At 24 May 2019
Sonographer Vacancies (all sub-categories)	3.7	2.7	1.3
Waitlist in days (ultrasound/general)	35	46	43
Waitlist in days (cardiac) (adult and Paediatric)	Information not recorded	<p>A Reflog – 15 patients, 5d average wait, 15d max wait, 12d 90th percentile wait.</p> <p>B Reflog – 338 patients, 46d average wait, 120d max wait, 99d 90th percentile wait.</p> <p>C Reflog – 353 patients, 57d average wait, 142d max wait, 107d 90th percentile wait.</p>	<p>A Reflog – 23 patients, 14d average wait, 27d max wait, 26d 90th percentile wait</p> <p>B Reflog – 376 patients, 56d average wait, 152d max wait, 90th Percentile 104d wait</p> <p>C Reflog – 502 Patients, average 64d wait, 152d max wait, 117d wait 90th percentile.</p>
Waitlist in days (vascular)	69	62	74
Waitlist in days (paediatric echocardiography)	0	0	0

Further trainee workforce queries.

- **In total, how many Trainee Sonographers have qualified since 1 January 2017?**
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- **How many of those Trainees who qualified since 1 January 2017 remain employed by the DHB at 22 May 2019?**
2.9
- **Please provide the total length(s) of post-qualification service, in months, for each of those Trainees who qualified since 1 January 2017 but who are no longer employed by the DHB at 24 May 2019. –**
 1. 17months (less 8months parental leave, 9months service)
 2. 6 months at 1.0 FTE then reduced to 0.9 FTE

Further qualified workforce queries

- **Please provide anonymised data on the following for all non-trainee Sonographers as at 24 May 2019:**
 - **Duration of service.**
 - **Salary scale position, or gross remuneration (if above scale).**
 - **Whether the employee is a ‘Specialist’ under the Sonographers MECA.**

Duration of service	Salary scale	Specialist
27yrs	8	Y
24yrs	11	Y
24yrs	9	Y
24yrs	9	Y
19yrs	6	Y
15yrs	9	Y
12yrs	9	Y
12yrs	6	Y
10yrs	7	Y
10yrs	8	Y
9yrs	8	Y
6yrs	8	Y
4yrs	8	Y
3yrs	6	Y
3yrs	6	Y
2yrs	2	N
2 yrs	6	Y
1.5yrs	1	N
1yr	1	N

1yr	2	N
9 months	6	Y
7 months	5	N
6 months	3	N
6 Months	5	N

- In total, how many Sonographers have been recruited from overseas since 1 January 2017?
Please also provide the totals for each country of origin.

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I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive