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**Re Official Information Request – People working in COVID Tracing**

I refer to your official information request dated 8 June 2020 requesting the following information:

**Based on the Official Information Act, please provide me with a table with the number of people working in COVID-19 contact tracing for each day from 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020.**

I am responding from Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland District Health Boards – Waitemata District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS's core role is to protect and promote public health. This response was coordinated by ARPHS on behalf of the three DHBs in the Auckland region.

ARPHS public health nurses, health protection officers and medical team are all trained in contact tracing. This means at any one time these staff can be surged to respond to contact tracing demands. In response to this Official Information Act request ARPHS public health response and responsibilities to the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved over time. Initially from 27 January to 10 March 2020 ARPHS staff were primarily involved in leading the health response at the Auckland International Airport. This responsibility then transferred to Auckland District Health Board so that ARPHS could primarily focus on case management and contact tracing.

The table below only shows the number of staff members involved in COVID-19 contact tracing each day, and does not represent the number of staff available if required.

Table 1. Amount of staff working on COVID-19 contact tracing

Date	Number of COVID-19 contact tracing staff
24/01/2020	11
25/01/2020	11
26/01/2020	11
27/01/2020	6
28/01/2020	1
29/01/2020	1
30/01/2020	1
31/01/2020	1
01/02/2020	5
02/02/2020	5
03/02/2020	4
04/02/2020	5
05/02/2020	5
06/02/2020	2
07/02/2020	3
08/02/2020	2
09/02/2020	2
10/02/2020	2
11/02/2020	2
12/02/2020	2
13/02/2020	2
14/02/2020	2
15/02/2020	4
16/02/2020	4
17/02/2020	3
18/02/2020	2
19/02/2020	2
20/02/2020	2
21/02/2020	1
22/02/2020	4
23/02/2020	4
24/02/2020	2
25/02/2020	2
26/02/2020	2
27/02/2020	2
28/02/2020	2
29/02/2020	5
01/03/2020	5
02/03/2020	3

Date	Number of COVID-19 contact tracing staff
03/03/2020	3
04/03/2020	3
05/03/2020	3
06/03/2020	4
07/03/2020	6
08/03/2020	6
09/03/2020	10
10/03/2020	12
11/03/2020	12
12/03/2020	12
13/03/2020	11
14/03/2020	11
15/03/2020	10
16/03/2020	15
17/03/2020	19
18/03/2020	22
19/03/2020	19
20/03/2020	22
21/03/2020	14
22/03/2020	13
23/03/2020	31
24/03/2020	30
25/03/2020	38
26/03/2020	38
27/03/2020	59
28/03/2020	42
29/03/2020	43
30/03/2020	63
31/03/2020	65
01/04/2020	82
02/04/2020	82
03/04/2020	68
04/04/2020	57
05/04/2020	56
06/04/2020	79
07/04/2020	69
08/04/2020	76
09/04/2020	82
10/04/2020	72
11/04/2020	64

Date	Number of COVID-19 contact tracing staff
12/04/2020	59
13/04/2020	60
14/04/2020	73
15/04/2020	82
16/04/2020	82
17/04/2020	71
18/04/2020	57
19/04/2020	53
20/04/2020	67
21/04/2020	59
22/04/2020	64
23/04/2020	65
24/04/2020	65
25/04/2020	37
26/04/2020	38
27/04/2020	42
28/04/2020	51
29/04/2020	59
30/04/2020	63
01/05/2020	57
02/05/2020	41
03/05/2020	42
04/05/2020	52
05/05/2020	56
06/05/2020	55
07/05/2020	56
08/05/2020	53
09/05/2020	39
10/05/2020	33
11/05/2020	49
12/05/2020	52
13/05/2020	55
14/05/2020	52
15/05/2020	53
16/05/2020	39
17/05/2020	36
18/05/2020	42
19/05/2020	45
20/05/2020	43
21/05/2020	46

Date	Number of COVID-19 contact tracing staff
22/05/2020	42
23/05/2020	27
24/05/2020	28
25/05/2020	32
26/05/2020	36
27/05/2020	36
28/05/2020	28
29/05/2020	25
30/05/2020	19
31/05/2020	21

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Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive

