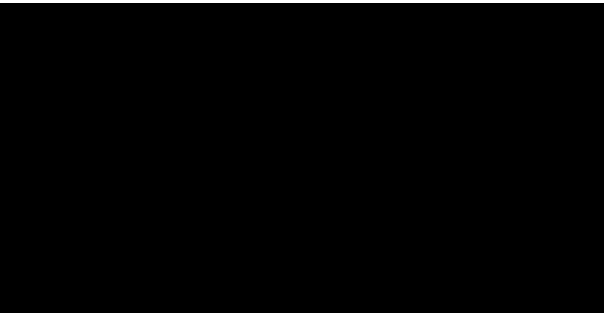


13 August 2019



**Re: Official Information Act request – Youth Health Care in Secondary Schools**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 July 2019 to the MoH and a partial transfer from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 8 August 2019 requesting the following information.

**Please see attached. I am interested to know whether or not the recommendations from this document have been implemented, and if so by which schools? Please see page 33 where you will find the quote below.**

The Ministry of Health recommends the following minimum ratios:

- One full-time equivalent (FTE) registered nurse (RN) to 750 students in decile 1–3 secondary Schools;
- One FTE RN to 200 students in high-needs contexts, such as alternative education units
- RN attendance for a minimum of one day per week during term time.

Please can you advise; –

- Does the ministry assist with the funding of these recommendations? If so to what extent?
- Does the ministry monitor the implementation of the recommendations and any outcomes e.g. improvement in health in the school population?
- Does the ministry know what the greatest area of health need is in the schools that have adopted the recommendations e.g. mental health, physical health, obesity, diabetes...

The above request has been provided by the Ministry of Health.

## To be supplied by Auckland DHB

1. How many schools have taken up the recommendations?
2. Where are the schools that have taken up the recommendations?
3. Are you able to name of the schools that have taken up the recommendations?

Our response is as follows:

1. How many schools have taken up the recommendations?

There are eight decile 1-3 mainstream secondary schools in the Auckland DHB region. All have complied with the recommendations since the programme was established, however, one school has not achieved the recommendation more recently due to recruitment challenges. The DHB intends to address this through employing a visiting nurse.

The model for mainstream secondary schools in Auckland DHB is supported by a contract between the DHB and the school. The contract funds, and requires, the school to staff the student health centre to employ at least one full-time equivalent (FTE) registered nurse to 750 students. In most cases a greater ratio of nurses to students is achieved.

In addition, there are currently two alternative education units and one teen parent unit in Auckland. A primary healthcare organisation is contracted to deliver the service. The contract stipulates that there is at least one FTE registered nurse to 200 students.

2. Where are the schools that have taken up the recommendations?

All these schools and alternative education units are in the Auckland DHB district.

3. Are you able to name of the school that have taken up the recommendations?

### Secondary Schools

1. Otahuhu College
2. Tamaki College
3. McAuley High School
4. Auckland Girls Grammar School
5. Marcellin College
6. One Tree Hill College
7. Onehunga High School
8. St Paul's College (vacancy)

### Alternative Education and Teen parent Units

The Managing School for Auckland City Education Services (ACES) is Mount Albert Grammar School and is contracted by the Ministry of Education to provide alternative education (AE) for the (former) Auckland City area. There are two sites, one in Mt Eden, the other in Panmure.

In addition to the Alternative Education Units, there is one Teen Parent Unit. This is also in Mt Eden.

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](http://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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