

1 September 2021

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Re: Official Information Act request – Radiation Therapist

I refer to your Official Information Act request received dated 5 August 2021 requesting the following information:

- Current employed radiation therapist (including therapists, assistants, students and those substantially employed as radiation therapists) FTE and headcount and a table showing how many radiation therapists are employed on each step of the scale.**

Classification	Step	FTE	Headcount
Radiation Therapists	1	8.0	8
Radiation Therapists	2	6.0	6
Radiation Therapists	3	4.0	4
Radiation Therapists	4	4.0	4
Radiation Therapists	5	3.0	3
Radiation Therapists	6	1.9	2
Radiation Therapists	7	16.8	19
Radiation Therapists	8	4.8	7
Radiation Therapists	9	1.8	2
Radiation Therapists	10	9.6	11
Radiation Therapists	11	6.4	8
Radiation Therapists	12	6.1	7
Radiation Therapists	13	4.0	4
Radiation Therapists	14	1.0	1
Radiation Therapists	15	0.4	1
Total		72.9	81

- Sum of headcount by level does not add to Total headcount, as there are some staff that hold multiple positions on different steps.
- Excludes staff on parental leave or long term leave without pay

2. **Current employed radiation therapists (including therapists, assistants, students and those substantially employed as radiation therapists) turnover broken down by classification group (1 July 2020 to 1 July 2021).**

Classification	Annual Voluntary Turnover Rate
Radiation Therapists	9.1%
Radiation Therapy Assistants	0.0%
Total	9.1%

3. **Vacancy rate (FTE) for radiation therapists.**

As at 30th June 2021, ADHB are not recruiting any radiation therapists (0 FTE vacancies)

4. **Numbers waiting for radiation oncology FSA as at 1 July 2021.**

On 1 July 2021 there were 185 patients awaiting Radiation Oncology FSA, 127 of which had appointments booked and 58 that were awaiting appointments to be booked.

5. **Average waiting list between FSA and first radiotherapy treatment.**

The average wait time between FSA and first radiotherapy treatment appointment was 14.93 days for the period July 2020 to July 2021

6. **Radiotherapy treatment sessions provided per month for months July 2020 to July 2021.**

Month	Number of treatment sessions
Jul-20	3502
Aug-20	3092
Sep-20	3794
Oct-20	4014
Nov-20	3453
Dec-20	3253
Jan-21	2953
Feb-21	2991
Mar-21	3402
Apr-21	3251
May-21	3706
Jun-21	3765
Jul-21	3792

7. **Number of radiation therapy employees recognised as specialist and a list of what specialisms are currently recognised.**

The title of specialist and senior is used. There are a total of 21, made up of 8 senior and 13 specialists. The specialisms are: treatment senior, pre-treat specialist, applications specialist, treatment specialist.

8. Average and median sick leave days taken per radiation therapist (including therapists, assistants, students and those substantially employed as radiation therapists) 1 July 2020 to 1 July 2021

Median	Mean
7.5	8.1

9. Numbers of hypo fractionated treatments, normal fractionated standard treatments and stereotactic treatments completed each month for the all months between July 2020 and July 2021.

Month	Number of hypo-fractionated treatments	Number of normal fractionated treatments	Number of stereotactic treatments
Jul-20	1292	2111	99
Aug-20	955	2061	76
Sep-20	998	2725	71
Oct-20	1299	2648	67
Nov-20	772	2574	107
Dec-20	839	2324	90
Jan-21	787	2093	73
Feb-21	825	2135	31
Mar-21	975	2352	75
Apr-21	1270	1936	45
May-21	1413	2196	97
Jun-21	1128	2563	74
Jul-21	970	2756	66

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Yours faithfully



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