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**Re Official Information Request for Pharmacist Data**

I refer to your official information request dated 04 November 2021 and clarified on 9 November for the following information:

**Data and or information for Pharmacy Assistants, Trainee Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians, Intern Pharmacists, and Pharmacists. Could you please provide the following information:**

- 1. The number of pharmacist prescribers employed at the DHB**
- 2. The number of pharmacy technicians who hold PACT or a level 6 qualification**
- 3. The number of merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB**
- 4. The number of successful merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB**
- 5. The number of staff hired in the above positions since 1 November 2020 i.e. headcount and FTE.**
- 6. How many years of experience in the same or substantially similar role of each new hire**
- 7. Where they started on the salary scale?**
- 8. The actual number of Pharmacists – i.e. headcount and FTE**
- 9. The actual number of Pharmacy Technicians – i.e. headcount and FTE**
- 10. The actual number of Pharmacy Assistants – i.e. headcount and FTE**
- 11. The number of resignations and pending resignations since 4 November 2020 broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants.**

**Response**

The information you have requested follows.

**1. The number of pharmacist prescribers employed at the DHB**

There is one pharmacist prescriber employed at Auckland DHB

**2. The number of pharmacy technicians who hold PACT or a level 6 qualification**

We have four pharmacy technicians who hold PACT or a level 6 qualification

**3. The number of merit applications in the last twelve months broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB**

There have been no merit applications in the last twelve months.

**4. The number of successful merit applications in the last twelve months broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB**

There have been no merit applications in the last twelve months.

**5. The number of staff hired in the above positions since 1 November 2020 i.e. headcount and FTE.**

Status	Pharmacists	FTE	Headcount
Hires	Pharmacist Assistants	5.5	7
Hires	Pharmacist Interns	2	2
Hires	Pharmacist Technician	7	9
Hires	Pharmacists	24.93	38
	<b>Totals</b>	39.43	56

**6. How many years of experience in the same or substantially similar role of each new hire**

Auckland DHB does not collect information on the number of years' experience that each new hire brings to the organisation.

**7. Where they started on the salary scale?**

Number of staff	Role	Where on scale	Year
1	Pharmacist Assistants	39908	2020
4	Pharmacist Assistants	41720	2021
2	Pharmacist Assistants	42151	2021
2	Pharmacist Interns	49415	2021
5	Pharmacist Technician	46105	2021
2	Pharmacist Technician	53514	2021
4	Pharmacist Technician	59690	2021
1	Pharmacist	59456	2021
1	Pharmacist	62058	2021
6	Pharmacist	66678	2021
1	Pharmacists	71299	2021
1	Pharmacists	71299	2020
5	Pharmacists	74341	2021
3	Pharmacists	76571	2020

1	Pharmacists	79504	2021
6	Pharmacists	81492	2021
2	Pharmacists	84001	2021
1	Pharmacists	87697	2021
1	Pharmacists	106057	2021
8	Pharmacists	112171	2021

**8. The actual number of Pharmacists – i.e. headcount and FTE**

102 headcount

78.8 FTEs

**9. The actual number of Pharmacy Technicians – i.e. headcount and FTE**

43 headcount

40 FTEs

**10. The actual number of Pharmacy Assistants – i.e. headcount and FTE**

16 headcount

13.5 FTEs

**11. The number of resignations and pending resignations since 4 November 2020 broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants.**

	FTEs	Headcount
Pharmacist Assistants	4.6	9
Pharmacist Interns	1	1
Pharmacist Technician	4	6
Pharmacists	21.4	25

I trust this information answers your questions.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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 sincerely,



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