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**Re: Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 24 July 2020 in which you specifically requested the following:

- The actual number of dietitians – i.e. headcount.
- The number of dietitians on each salary step.
- For continuing professional development for DHB employed dietitians
  - Total budget for 2018 and 2019 financial years
  - Total spend for 2018 and 2019 financial years
  - A breakdown of
    - Spend on training
    - Spend on all other professional development

In accordance with s.9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, we are withholding the information on individual employees in order to protect their privacy. We can however provide the following aggregate information on Southern DHB's Dietitian workforce.

Headcount 17  
Full Time Equivalent 13.775

Dietitians employed by Southern DHB are on the PSA Allied Health MECA

Salary steps	No of employees
4 years or less experience	7
Steps 5-7	5
Step 8-9	5

Professional development funds are not allocated or identified by profession and therefore additional information requested as part of this OIA is not available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fleming', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Chris Fleming  
Chief Executive Officer