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**Via email:** [marycmore@outlook.com](mailto:marycmore@outlook.com)

Dear Mary

### **Official Information Act Request – Youth health care in secondary schools**

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a partial transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 8 August 2019. You requested the following information in relation to the Youth Health Care in Secondary Schools 2013 framework (with the questions transferred from the Ministry of Health to the DHBs highlighted in bold):

Good morning,

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.*

- Does the ministry assist with the funding of these recommendations? If so to what extent?
- **How many schools have taken up the recommendations?**
- **Where are the schools that have taken up the recommendations?**
- **Are you able to name of the schools that have taken up the recommendations?**
- 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...

#### ***Whanganui District Health Board's response:***

##### **How many schools have taken up the recommendations?**

Under the school based health contract public health nurses provide universal health assessments to all year 9 students and general health clinics in all decile 1-5 secondary schools across the Whanganui DHB region. This equates to 13 of 15 schools and includes four alternate education centres.

The school based nursing team utilise the above Ministry recommended formula to distribute nursing FTE across the school based services.

##### **Where are the schools that have taken up the recommendations?**


Schools are located across the Whanganui DHB region which includes Ruapehu, Taihape and Rangitikei region as well as local urban schools.

**Are you able to name of the schools that have taken up the recommendations?**

Cullinane College  
Whanganui High School  
Whanganui City College  
Whanganui City College Alternative Education  
Te Kura o Kokohuia  
Te Kura o Kaupapa Māori o Tupoho  
Whanganui Girls College  
YMCA Alternative Education  
Rangitikei College  
Rangitikei Alternative Education  
Taihape Area School  
Ruapehu College  
Ruapehu Alternative Education.

Should you have any further queries, please contact, contact our acting OIA co-ordinator Maree Langford at [Maree.Langford@wdhb.co.nz](mailto:Maree.Langford@wdhb.co.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Russell Simpson  
**Chief Executive**