

1 July 2019



Dear 

**Response - Official Information Request**

I refer to your request for information received on 31 May 2019. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

**1. How many EHOs does your local authority currently employ?**

There are three Environmental Health Officers employed by Horowhenua District Council.

**2. When it employs EHOs does your local authority use the list of suitable qualifications on the Ministry of Health's website\* to ensure EHO candidates are qualified?**

Yes.

**3. For EHO appointments are the Regulations referred to in your local authority?**

(a) Recruitment policies? No.

(b) Job descriptions? Yes.

**4. Are the Regulations fit for purpose?**

The regulations appear to be fit for purpose in enabling staff recruited to the role of Environmental Health Officer to successfully assess and undertake matters under the Health Act 1956.

**5. Could the Regulations be improved on from your perspective? If yes, in what ways?**

No opinion.

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Ian McLachlan, Group Manager Customer and Regulatory Services on 06 366 0999 or email: [ianm@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:ianm@horowhenua.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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