



## MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

### Office of the Dean/Administration

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Dean

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Dr Nigel Murray  
CEO, Waikato DHB

Dear Nigel

I am responding to your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> October outlining suggested reductions in Auckland medical undergraduates at Waikato hospital.

At this stage we consider any discussion on this matter to be premature, since the additional training programme that you are proposing has yet to receive government support or AMC accreditation.

At the beginning of 2016 we requested and received confirmation from you that WDHB could accommodate the increased numbers of medical students from the Auckland programme. As you know, this increase is part of a government funded plan to increase graduate numbers 50% by 2020. To achieve this, we need the full support of all DHBs since the capacity in other DHBs is limited. I do hope we can still count on that support.

Yours sincerely

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