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s 9(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons

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### Official information request for information relating to Te Aka Whai Ora Board

I refer to your official information request dated 22 August 2023 as set out below:

s 9(2)(a) *I'm covering misinformation which is where you come into it. I heard Mike Hoskings going off about the Māori Health Authority claiming that most of the board had been sacked. I'm almost considering a complaint to the broadcasting standards authority about this..... Then, of course, other parties picked up on that theme and went with. Of course, I did a bit of research and come across your comments as per below. Are you able to clarify that either half the board or all the board has gone elsewhere and that they weren't sacked as Mike Hosking's claims. Can you give me the names of those who moved on in a rough idea as to where they went to. Also, those who have recently left served the length of time for which they were appointed at the beginning of the organisational formation, I assume members were appointed with a certain timeframe on mine did they complete those or move on before they would have either been reappointed or let go.*

*"It is our understanding that while some board members have moved on, not a single Te Aka Whai Ora board member has been sacked and Te Aka Whai Ora kaimahi are made up of diverse cultures and backgrounds, employed for their skills and experience."*

[www.pharmacytoday.co.nz/article/unfiltered/unfiltered/maori-phos-speak-out-support-te-aka-whai-ora](http://www.pharmacytoday.co.nz/article/unfiltered/unfiltered/maori-phos-speak-out-support-te-aka-whai-ora)

The current Te Aka Whai Ora Board composition is publicly available here:

[www.teakawhaiora.nz/about-us/our-board/](http://www.teakawhaiora.nz/about-us/our-board/)

On 23 September 2021 the former Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health) announced the appointment of eight board members to the interim Māori Health Authority (iMHA), publicly available here [www.futureofhealth.govt.nz/news/boards-announced-for-interim-maori-health-authority-and-health-new-zealand/](http://www.futureofhealth.govt.nz/news/boards-announced-for-interim-maori-health-authority-and-health-new-zealand/). The term of these members was to end on 30 June 2022, at the establishment of Te Aka Whai Ora | Māori Health Authority.

The new Te Aka Whai Ora Board was appointed on 1 July 2022 and consisted of six members from the interim board (Tipa Mahuta, Sharon Shea, Fiona Pimm, Awerangi Tamihere, Dr Mataroria Lyndon, Dr Sue Crengle). The appointments and their terms can be found at [gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2022-go4787](http://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2022-go4787).

The terms of two remaining members of the iMHA Board, Lady Tureiti Moxon and Dr Chris Tooley, were not renewed past 30 June 2022.

One further appointment was made from 30 September 2022 (Steven McJorrow).

On 1 February 2023, Sharon Shea stepped down from Te Aka Whai Ora Board to spend more time with her whānau and focus on her day-to-day mahi, which Ms Shea has informed us includes implementing the promise of the reforms to improve whānau ora outcomes.

Dr Sue Crengle's term expired on 30 June 2023 and was not renewed.

There is no statutory obligation to reappoint board members following the expiration of their term of appointment.

In summary, the iMHA and Te Aka Whai Ora Board members who have left their Board roles were Board representatives for the following approximate terms:

| Board                | Board Member       | Commencement of Term | Conclusion of Term | Reason for conclusion       |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| iMHA                 | Lady Tureiti Moxon | 21 September 2021    | 30 June 2022       | Terms expired. No renewal   |
| iMHA                 | Dr Chris Tooley    | 21 September 2021    | 30 June 2022       | Term expired. No renewal    |
| iMHA/Te Aka Whai Ora | Sharon Shea        | 21 September 2021    | 1 February 2023    | Stepped down of own accord. |
| iMHA/Te Aka Whai Ora | Dr Sue Crengle     | 21 September 2021    | 30 June 2023       | Term expired. No renewal.   |

Last month, Te Aka Whai Ora welcomed three new board appointments: Kim Ngarimu, Ben Dalton, and Helmut Modlik. The appointments and their terms, including the reappointment of Fiona Pimm, can be found at [gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2023-go3398](https://www.gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2023-go3398).

No Te Aka Whai Ora Board members have been removed from office in accordance with section 23 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 ([www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2022/0030/latest/LMS575507.html](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2022/0030/latest/LMS575507.html)).

Te Aka Whai Ora intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. We will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on our website. Your personal details will be deleted, and Te Aka Whai Ora will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Te Aka Whai Ora Ministerial Services ([mha@government-services@health.govt.nz](mailto:mha@government-services.health.govt.nz)).

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](https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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