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Tēnā koe Professor Wilkinson

**Proposal to remove psychological medicine from Otago Medical School's compulsory curriculum for the sixth year programme**

I write further to my letter, dated 23 June, regarding my deep concern about Otago University Medical School's proposal earlier in the year to remove psychological medicine from its compulsory curriculum for the sixth and final year.

I would appreciate a response to my concerns and an update on the School's consideration of this issue.

Given HDC's statutory role as an independent advocate in relation to improving mental health and addiction services, and to promote transparent advocacy, I propose to publish my letters and your responses on this matter on the Health and Disability Commissioner's website.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Kevin Allan  
**Mental Health Commissioner**  
**Deputy Health and Disability Commissioner**

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