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Tēnā koe Christel

Thank you for your request of 1 June 2021, requesting information about staff and volunteer incident reports at Northland Region Corrections Facility. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

*In the interest of clearing someone's name, I would like to request the staff and volunteer incident reports from Ngawha Prison, between the years 2012 and 2015.*

Your request currently lacks due particularity as required by section 12 of the OIA. In order for us to consider this request further, please provide information about the specific documents you seek. This may be names of individuals, or details of specific incidents.

Please note however, even if you are able to limit the scope of your request to a specific incident or incidents, Corrections has statutory obligations in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect personal information we hold, including that of our staff, volunteers and people in prison.

Further, in the event you are seeking all incident reports involving any staff and any volunteers at Northland Region Corrections Facility over three years, please note this request would be very difficult to meet. An initial search has identified 5,197 events at Northland Region Corrections Facility from 2012 to 2015. In order to identify and consider all relevant documents for release to you, we would be required to manually review a substantial amount of information. In accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA, a request will be refused if the information cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jones', written in a cursive style.

Robert Jones  
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People and Capability