



11 MAY 2020

Chris Johnston
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Dear Chris Johnston,

On 7 April 2020, you contacted the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) through FYI.org.nz requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *A data set in Excel or csv file for the last 5 years by month to the end of March 2020 for the whole of New Zealand with the following columns:*
 - *Residential Facility Name*
 - *Level of Care (E.g. Rest Home, Dementia, Hospital Level)*
 - *Physical Address*
 - *Geocoded Location - NZTM*
 - *DHB within which the Residential Care Facility resides*
 - *Number of Residents at the Start of the Period*
 - *Deaths During Period*
 - *Whether the person died in the facility or in another facility (such as a public hospital)*
 - *Age Group at Death (in 10 year bands)*

The Ministry originally transferred this request to the Ministry of Health as it was believed the request was more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Health under section 14(1)(b) of the Act.

The Ministry has reconsidered your request. Part of this consideration was if the Ministry could respond to your enquiry.

The Act enables people to request Official Information from Ministers and agencies. However, the Act only applies to information that is already held by a Minister or agency. There is no obligation to create information in order to respond to a request.

The information you are seeking in this case is not held by the Ministry and would need to be created in order to respond to your request.

The Ministry uses a Client Management System (CMS) to hold client information in order to pay them financial assistance. Providing the material requested would entail manual manipulation of the data and creation of new code that is not part of the Ministry's standard reporting.

Your request therefore, is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, because the Ministry does not hold the information in scope of his request.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this refusal, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a small loop.

Kate Satterthwaite
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