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Tēnā koe Chris

Your Official Information Act request, reference: HNZ00007459

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health on 17 November 2022. Your request was transferred in full to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand on 24 November 2022 as the information is more closely connected with the functions of our agencies. You requested:

"Could you please provide a data set in Excel or csv file with the following columns - for the last 12 years by month to the end of this year for the whole of New Zealand.

Column 1 to 5

- 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*

Column 6 - Number of Residents at the Start of the Period

Column 7 - Deaths During Period - whether the person died in the facility or in another facility (such as a public hospital)

Column 8 - Age Group at Death (in 10 year bands)

I would expect that these numbers are available from the MoH's payment system for residential care, or a national dataset collated from DHB systems. Residents should be able to be counted and tracked via their NHI number (which records their date of death and age at death).

If there are any commercial or privacy issues with the above dataset then please discuss. There may be ways that you can communicate:

A - the % Death Rate per Facility (Column 7 / Column 6)

B - wider Age Groups (e.g. 10 year bands to 90 then everyone above 90)

C - Hide the Facility Name"

The payment system does not record around 2,000 residents who pay the full cost themselves and therefore receive no payment from Te Whatu Ora, nor does it record where the deaths occurred.

In order to provide the information, you have requested, Te Whatu Ora would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair Te Whatu Ora's ability to continue standard operations and would be an inefficient use of Te Whatu Ora's resources. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, requires substantial collusion. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

We have considered whether Te Whatu Ora would be able to respond to your requests given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, Te Whatu Ora's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on Health NZ's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available on our website.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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