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Ref: H201902444

Dear Ms McIntyre

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request of 11 April 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following:

"Please provide me with the total funding allocation for mental health crisis teams per annum, as far back as records permit."

On 2 May 2019 the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) wrote to you seeking clarification on and refinement of your request. Our email included some background information about how crisis assessment teams are funded. We explained that without refinement, your request could be refused under the provisions of the Act. To date we have received no reply.

Crisis assessment teams are funded by each district health board (DHB). Under New Zealand's devolved health funding system, DHBs are bulk funded to provide health services, including mental health services, to their resident populations. It is up to individual DHBs to decide on how to spend this funding, but the Government expects it to be targeted at areas of most need including mental health.

The Ministry of Health does not hold precise information on crisis team funding. Therefore I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Note that you may request specific information from individual DHBs under the Act.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any of my decisions in relation to this request. Please note that this letter, with your personal details removed may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Director-General
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