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Dear Ms Iannone

Thank you for your email of 26 August 2013, in which you request information relating to the death of Liam Ashley. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested copies of all official information and reports relating to the death of Liam Ashley on 24 August 2006. You have specifically requested a copy of an assessment carried out by a nurse at the North Shore District Court on the 24 August 2006.

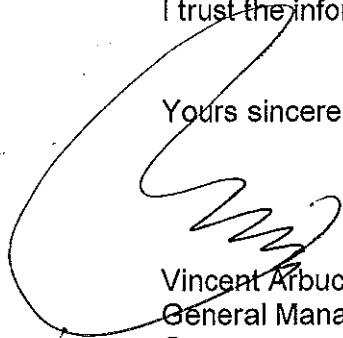
The Department deeply regrets the death of Liam Ashley. This was the tragic loss of a young life, and his death was a significant event in the history of the Department. Therefore, a vast amount of related correspondence and reports were generated. Identifying all information within the scope of your request would be a significant undertaking. In accordance with the OIA, we have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

The assessment carried out by a nurse at the North Shore District Court is considered to be more closely connected to the functions of Waitemata District Health Board. I have transferred this part of your request to that agency in accordance with section 14 of the OIA. You may expect a response from the Waitemata District Health Board within 20 working days from the date they receive our transfer request.

As you may be aware, we have a duty to give reasonable assistance to a person who wishes to make a request under the OIA. As you have not provided any direct contact details, I would like to invite you to contact the Ministerial Services Team at info@corrections.govt.nz so that I can assist you to refine the parameters of your request.

I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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