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Dear J Howarth

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 17 February 2020 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

"1. In the Government's 2019 Budget, Specialised Addictions services received \$10.5M nationally for the next 4 years.

Under OIA:

- 2. Could I please see a break down on what has been funded with that money?*
- 3. Which if any DHBs have received this funding?*
- 4. Who if any have received that funding?*
- 5. Are there any outcomes or targeting criteria that is associated with this funding?*
- 6. Has there been any increase in AOD service provision with this funding, if so what was the service(s) that was increase?"*

In relation to parts one to four of your request, the Ministry can provide information on \$1,439,124 million of the \$11 million allocated to specialist Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) addiction services in the 2019 budget. Information on the remaining funding is withheld under section 18(d) of the Act, as this will soon be publicly available.

Of the \$11 million per annum of the total funding announced in Budget 2019 to address cost pressures for specialist services, \$1,439,124 million per annum has been allocated for Ministry funded residential care. This has been directed towards an uplift in contract value for the 60 packages of care that are purchased directly from the following Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs):

- Salvation Army (Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch)
- Higher Ground (Auckland)
- Raukura Hauora o Tainui (Auckland)
- Odyssey House (Auckland)
- Odyssey House (Christchurch)
- Odyssey House Trust (Christchurch)
- Moana House/Downie Stewart (Dunedin)
- Manaaki Ora (Rotorua)
- He Waka Tapu (Christchurch)

The NGO contract value uplift for the packages of care is attached as Appendix One to this letter.

In response to part five of your request, there are no outcomes or targeting criteria associated with this additional funding. This Budget 2019 initiative is focused on addressing cost pressures for existing specialist AOD services in the first instance, rather than on developing new services.

In response to part six of your request, while it is possible that some services may have increased, this was not the primary purpose of this funding initiative. The Ministry will monitor any increase in service proposition through its regular reporting of these contracts.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Shearer', written over a light grey circular watermark.

Robyn Shearer
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