

Chris Johnston

By email: fyi-request-12581-ed843fa0@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202002127

Dear Mr Johnston

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 29 April 2020 for:

“Could you please provide a data set in Excel or csv file with the following columns - for the last 5 years by month to the end of March 2020 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

I would prefer the raw data though so please consult early so that we can agree and the MoH can meet the OIA timeline.”

On 8 May 2020, the due date for responding to this request was extended under section 15A of the Act.

I have included with this letter a spreadsheet of data relating to deaths of people living in an aged residential care facility in New Zealand. This data is broken down by district health board

(DHB) and care category by four-week periods for financial years 1 July to 30 June for each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 (to 18 May). The DHB indicates the region where the resident's facility is located.

The data was extracted from the payment system that pays aged residential care providers per resident per day. It only includes information for residents that are DHB subsidised, the information does not include rest home residents who pay the full cost themselves, which is estimated to currently be around 5,000 residents. You should note that data in the payment system is subject to revision and that an extract at a later date would likely contain some differences.

The data does not include short-term residents such as respite, or step-down from acute hospital who will return to their usual residence.

The Ministry of Health's (the Ministry) payment data does not hold information on the geocoded location of death. This part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

I was unable to provide you with data which included deaths by facility, month, service category and age bracket, as this combination of information could enable individuals to be identified, including providing personal information about those not funded by a DHB. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. Please note that the Ministry's duty to consider an individual's personal information includes information relating to those who are deceased.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decision made on your request.

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

Yours sincerely



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