

13 November 2013

Mr Lance-Desmond Lavery
Email: Fyi-request-1269-6b405d78@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref. H201304485

Dear Mr Lavery

Part-transfer of your request for official information to Child Youth and Family

Thank you for your request for official information, received by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 4 November 2013. As part of this request, you asked for the following information concerning notifications made to Child, Youth and Family.

- Does CYF encourage the Ministry of Health to make notifications concerning suspicions of child abuse to them?
- Are Ministry of Health agents held responsible for unfounded notifications?
- How many notifications to CYF by the Ministry of Health have been found groundless and untrue?
- Is there a breakdown analysis of notifications per each ethnic group?
- What is the percentage of notifications that are made about Maori families?

The Ministry does not hold the information relating to this part of your request. However, I believe that this information is held by Child Youth and Family, the national statutory child protection agency. As a result, I have decided to transfer these questions to Child, Youth and Family under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

The Ministry will respond to the remainder of your questions by 2 December 2013.

Please note Child Youth and Family is required to respond to your request within the time period specified in the Act. This time period begins elapsing on the day that this transfer is received.

Yours sincerely



Jill Lane
Director
National Services Purchasing
National Health Board