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Dear Madam/Sir

Re: Official Information Act request – Vulnerable persons register

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 5 March 2021 to the Dept of Internal Affairs. The Internal Affairs have transferred questions 1 through 8 including 10 to Auckland DHB on 12 March 2021. You request the following information:

I request all information on what services were put in place to risk assess the Vulnerable Persons List. This template is on the CASA website.

Vulnerable people are what the Waikato dhb, and some members of community boards the police feel that suicide is imminent due to a family member having committed suicide recently or a close friend, or a cluster of suicides in a contained area.

The suggestion that varied services observe these elected 'Vulnerable Persons'. Without contact and without knowledge of such a list.

Casa also goes on to pinpoint specific data that is maintained for some 10years and is to be shared with relevant authorities.

I have already request privately all the information regarding myself and my family members who were told by a slightly honest representative for the crown that my eldest son and myself have been on this list since 2019. To no avail. Nothing has been forthcoming at all.

Casa states that certain managers of each DHB hold the list as well as themselves, and the relevant services have access to this database.

- 1. What the cost of maintaining this list is for each dhb.**
- 2. What are the observers having to observe and where is the critical point that would be addressed by making contact with a listee in order to assist.**
- 3. I would like to know how many people are on this list either**

A: with knowledge and consent or

B: completely unaware

4. How and who collates the data collected.
5. How many persons have committed suicide whilst either
 - A: Being on the list
 - B: Having family members on this list for extended period with no contact
6. I would like to know who is the administrator and who is responsible for the inadequate and inhumane structure of observing without any contact to the persons being observed, even after a family member may commit suicide.
7. Under what human and legal rights as well as privacy laws does this 'Observing and collating data' use or fail to use
8. What funding is allocated for this VPL and for the varied govt services that are coerced to perform this.
10. Have you heard of the cartwright enquiry?

Question 9 was transferred to the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).

Response:

Questions 1 to 4, 6 and 7

These questions were transferred to the Ministry of Health under s14 OIA as the register is maintained by CASA, which is funded by the Ministry of Health.

Questions 5 and 10

5. How many persons have committed suicide whilst either
 - a. being on the list
 - b. having family members on this list for an extended period with no contact.

Auckland DHB has determined to withhold this information under section 9(2)(a) OIA, to protect the privacy of the small numbers of people on the list.

6. Have you heard of the Cartwright Inquiry?

Auckland DHB was a party to the Cartwright Inquiry.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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