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### Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Response – OIA2021031101

Thank you for your official information request regarding *Vulnerable Persons List*, which transferred from the Department of Internal Affairs to Capital & Coast (CCDHB) and Hutt Valley (HVDHB) District Health Boards on 11 March 2021. You requested the following information:

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. *A: with knowledge and consent or*
  - b. *B: completely unaware*
4. *How and who collates the data collected.*
5. *How many persons have committed suicide whilst either*
  - a. *A: being on the list*
  - b. *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.*
9. *Whether ACC is prepared to cover the cost of traumatic loss of life whilst being observed on the list. to cover government subsidised breach of ethics, laws, financial accountability, morality and humanity.*
10. *Have you heard of the cartwright enquiry?"*

Our response to your request is outlined below.

### Response

#### For questions 1 – 9

CCDHB and HVDHB do not generate, hold or administer such a list and I am therefore unable to provide any information in this regard refer *Section 18 (e)* – the document containing the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.


We are also unaware of any transfer of such a list from the Department of Internal Affairs.

*Question 10 - Have you heard of the Cartwright enquiry?*

Yes, we have heard of the Cartwright Inquiry. This inquiry had a significant impact on the management of patient information, privacy and ensuring informed consent.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or you can free phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku ite noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RHaggerty', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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