

2 February 2022

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Tēnā koe Ms Fechney

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2021 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I make this urgent request to assist the people in understanding what a "designated premises" is for the purposes of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protections Framework) Order 2021.*
 - *In accordance with the Protections Framework, a person seeking goods or services must not be refused access to the premises of health services that are partly or wholly funded by the Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children.*
- *Please urgently supply the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:*
 - *All premises that are partly or wholly funded by the Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children.*

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On 6 December 2021, you clarified the scope of your request confirming that - *you are seeking a list of those premises only where a health service is provided, and funded or part funded by Oranga Tamariki, and where the Protections Framework Order applies.*

On 18 January 2022, we wrote to advise you that we were extending the time limit for responding to your request until 31 January 2022, in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. In addition to this, on 27 January 2022 we sent a

Notification of Decision letter advising a further delay under the same section of the Act.

Please see our response to each question in turn below:

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Oranga Tamariki is dedicated to supporting any child in New Zealand whose wellbeing is at risk of harm now or in the future. Building safety is at the forefront of all our work with children and rangatahi, their family and whānau. Our focus must always be on the nature of the care being provided to the child or rangatahi.

Our primary purpose is to provide care to tamariki and we do this by providing support programmes and residential care in partnership with our Care Support Providers.

Within the broader context of providing health services under the Covid-19 protection framework, we ensure tamariki receive all the services they require to meet their individual needs. This includes the provision of health services by our care residences and Oranga Tamariki facilitates the provision of these services by contributing to their funding.

However, our Residences are exempt from the COVID Protection Framework, in accordance with clause 104(b) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021. Although they are premises which health services are partly or wholly funded by Oranga Tamariki, they are not 'designated services' and the Order does not in any way apply to them.

All Care and Protection and Youth Justice Residences have health providers who are contracted by the local District Health Boards (DHB) to provide primary health and primary mental health services. These services are based on a set of Service Specifications managed by the Ministry of Health. Oranga Tamariki only provides financial support for the medical facility containing relevant agreed office and clinical equipment which is maintained, serviced and calibrated to the required standards by the Service and paid for by Oranga Tamariki. It does not pay for Health Delivery contracts. The suite of appropriate relevant clinical

equipment will be negotiated with each health provider. The Service is responsible for:

- providing clinical equipment that enables the provision of the Service and complies with current clinical standards and codes of practice, for use by the health staff
- consumables used in the Residence
- training their staff in the patient management system.

A list of all our residences (both Care and Protection and Youth Justice) where Health Services are provided, is below:

Oranga Tamariki manages four Care and Protection Residences for tamariki and rangatahi, who have complex needs and require intensive support. Our Care and Protection Residences are located as follows:

- Eponi Care and Protection Residence – Wellington
- Te Oranga Care and Protection Residence – Christchurch
- Puketai Care and Protection Residence – Dunedin
- Kaahui Whetuu (Care and Protection Hub) - Auckland

There are five youth justice residences in New Zealand:

- Korowai Manaaki in South Auckland
- Whakatakapokai in South Auckland
- Te Maioha o Parekarangi in Rotorua
- Te Au rere a te Tonga in Palmerston North
- Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo in Christchurch

Information about our partners who deliver services from non-Oranga Tamariki premises is not readily available as compliance with the Health Orders is the responsibility of each individual provider and therefore would require us to manually review individual files. As such, your request for this information was refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested could not be provided without substantial collation and research.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Groom', written in a cursive style.

Steve Groom
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