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Tēnā koe Linda

### **Transfer of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 6 July 2023. You requested:

*"I would like information on the issue of New Zealand nurse's returning from abroad and not being employed by laces DHB , is the issue Race based or what other reasons would they have to not even get to interview? I have five nurses that have come home and would love to work in the hospital as it's reported they have staff shortages! ?? One nurse from the far north with 25 years experience got told by an Irish manager that she had no knowledge of maoridom she is Maori !!!! What is this , is this New Zealand wide ??"*

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, na



Jan Torres  
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## **COPY OF OIA REQUEST**

**From:** Linda Green <[fyi-request-23416-5db59b18@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23416-5db59b18@requests.fyi.org.nz)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 6 July 2023 21:42

**To:** OIA Requests <[oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Official Information request - Nurse shortage

Dear Ministry of Health,

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Yours faithfully,  
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