



7 August 2023

John Luke

By email: fyi-request-23451-0c864bc5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Kia ora John

I refer to your information request dated 10 July 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). With regard to the webpage link provided (*Expressions of interest open for understanding population mental health and substance use scoping review*), you have requested the following information:

“May I ask how did you call for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc. further, how many you have shortlisted. When you expect the recruitment process will concluded. Also, can you please supply the term of appointment and member’s pay rate.”

The researcher position(s) and contract sit with Te Pou (a not-for-profit, national workforce development centre) and the only contribution from the University of Otago, Christchurch has been a staff member’s time to support the next NZ Mental Health survey which will help inform the scoping review. Consequently, the University of Otago does not hold the information you seek and you will need to obtain this information from Te Pou. We note that Te Pou is not subject to the Official Information Act 1982 or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, so it is not possible for us to transfer this request under s 14 of the Act.¹

We therefore decline your request pursuant to 18(g) of the Act on the basis that we do not hold the information requested and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another organisation that is subject to the Act.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'JK Shaw'.

Jenny Shaw

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Office of the Registrar

¹ We note the Ombudsman’s Guidance on [‘Making Official Information Requests’](#), which provides that “Transfers can be between any agencies that are subject to the OIA or LGOIMA.”