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Tēnā koe Liam

Your Official Information Act request, ref: HNZ00033554

Thank you for your email on 6 December 2023, asking for information relating to kidney donations and transplants, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find each part of your request addressed below.

On 18 December, Te Whatu Ora contacted you to advise you that part of your request (written below) was transferred to New Zealand Blood Service under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

- *The number of non-directed kidney donations made per year since 2017 (or as far back as data can easily be collated)*
- *The number of people currently on the wait-list for a kidney transplant in NZ*

Please see outlined below a response to the remaining part of your request.

- *The number of people on the wait-list for a kidney transplant that passed away before a transplant could happen, per year since 2017*

Unfortunately, Te Whatu Ora is unable to provide you with this information as it is held in notes on individual case files. In order to provide you with this information, Te Whatu Ora staff would have to manually review thousands of files. As such, we refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

There are efforts to standardise data across the country, but these efforts will take time.

I have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable Te Whatu Ora to respond. I do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on our other operations.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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