

Disability Support Services



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Tēnā koe Scout

On 11 October 2024, the Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha (the Ministry) transferred part of your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for the following information:

“Correspondence providing advice, that has been sent to NASC providers and Te Whatu Ora about this coverage (referring to Long COVID and ME/CFS).”

Your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Disability Support Services (DSS). DSS did not provide specific advice to Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) and Te Whatu Ora about the eligibility of Long Covid and ME/CFS for disability support services.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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