



**Police Vetting Service
Police National Headquarters**

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Dear Ms Allison

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 15 July 2015 for the following information:

- *I would like to know on how many occasions the identities of victims of crimes and complainants have been provided to agencies under the NZPVS.*
- *In particular. I would like to know how many victims of family violence and of sexual violence have had their identities provided to agencies under the NZPVS.*

Police information is not held in a way that would enable the obtaining of the information you have requested. As the information is not held, it is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

I can tell you that Police do not release victim/complainant details as a matter of course subject to a request for vetting. There are exceptions to this where the information is relevant to the role sought by an applicant who may have been a victim.

An example of such a situation would be a homestay host who has been the victim of family violence, and the offender for that violence resides in the same dwelling. There is an emotional (and sometimes potentially physical) risk to any young person being exposed to that kind of incident. For that reason it is appropriate for an agency looking to confirm a home-stay role to be made aware of such information as part of their overall assessment.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Senior Sergeant Bruce Mackay
Manager: Police Vetting Service
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