



# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Mr Josh Martin  
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Dear Mr Martin

Thank you for your letter of 12 September 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

*"Please provide advice (whether written or email communication) from your Ministry (particularly the Ministry of Youth Development which you administer between January 2009 to present on the prevention of youth suicide. Specifically, I would like to obtain recent advice to the Minister for Social Development, Minister of Education and Minister of Health (and their respective ministries) on the success of suicide prevention strategies. I also seek communications to these parties on plans, improvements and proposed policy which could lower the teen suicide rate in New Zealand."*

This letter is to advise that your request has been transferred, in part, to Mr Kevin Woods, Director General of Health and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Health.

This is because your request also asks for recent advice to the Minister of Health. Section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 allows me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to transfer your request by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

  
Brendan Boyle  
Chief Executive