



11 April 2018

Ms Brigid Ford  
Official Information Act Website

Dear Ms Ford

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Thank you for your email dated Monday, 19 March 2018 requesting information about “payments made, to whom and for what periods for the end of life care for Helen MacKinlay of Campbell Street, Taumarunui”.

The information you have requested has been withheld under Sections 18(a) and 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, which enables information to be withheld if this is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons and this is not outweighed by any public interest in its release.

The requested information would reveal personal details about Mrs MacKinlay’s support needs that can only be released to the executor of her estate following provision of the appropriate documentation.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to withhold the information. The Ombudsman’s postal address is:

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

Yours faithfully



**Grant Howard**  
Interim Chief Operating Officer