

15 May 2018

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**Transfer of request for official information to all District Health Boards.**

Dear Ms Aschoff,

Thank you for your request for official information, received on 2 May 2018:

*'I am requesting information in regards to deaths and respite care. I have also sent this to the NZ Police.*

*I would like to know firstly if this information is on record, and if not why. And if it is on record for the numbers to please be provided.*

*A) In the past 3-8 years how many deaths, of any kind, have occurred in Facility-based/host-family Respite in Aotearoa?*

*B) In the past 3-8 years how many near deaths have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa?*

*C) In the past 3-8 years how many violent acts have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa?*

*D) In the past 3-8 years how many suicides have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa?*

*If this information is not on record I would then like to inquire why it has not previously been deemed as relevant data for collection, as it contributes to the safety and prevention of harm for people of New Zealand'.*

You provided a clarification on 6 May 2018:

*'To clarify further, in saying "in the last 3-8 years" I am referring to all available data since 2010. I understand there may not be data for the 2015, 2016, 2017 period yet, but if it is available I would like to receive it.'*

You provided another clarification, at the request of the Ministry of Health (the Ministry), on 10 May 2018:

*'A) In the past 3-8 years how many suicides have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa? If the time period is too much of a stretch I'm happy to also accept any/all information from the last 2-5 years.*

*If possible it would also be ideal if I could get information on:  
B) In the past 2-5 years how many unsuccessful suicide attempts have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa?*

*I would indeed like this request to only include the scope of mental health respites.'*

We have assessed your request further, and have concluded that the Ministry is still unable to provide the information requested as it is not information that the Ministry holds. However, we believe that the information you have requested is more closely associated with the functions of the District Health Boards.

Accordingly, the Ministry has decided to transfer the amended request of 10 May 2018 to the 20 District Health Boards under section 14 of the Official information Act 2982 (the Act):

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*If possible it would also be ideal if I could get information on:  
B) In the past 2-5 years how many unsuccessful suicide attempts have occurred in facility based/home-family respites in Aotearoa?*

*I would indeed like this request to only include the scope of mental health respites.'*

You can expect an acknowledgement of your request from the District Health Boards in due course.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to transfer your request for information.

Yours sincerely



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Encl Request for information from Kate Ashcoff

