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Ref: H201900748

Dear Ms Lee

Response to your request for official information

I refer to your request of 14 February 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

“Could you please advise me of the specific criteria for being eligible for Carers Support. What legislation does this come under? In addition is a child’s diagnosis of ADHD insufficient? Who is able to grant this and are they able to use their discretion, ie grant it according to the need rather than the diagnosis?”

I have decided under section 18(d) of the Act to refuse your request, as the information you have requested is publicly available.

Criteria for eligibility for Carer Support is available online at <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/disability-services/types-disability-support/respite/carers-support>. However, you must be eligible for disability support services in order to receive Carer Support.

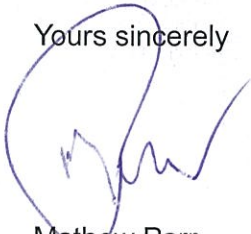
The local Needs Assessment Service and Coordination (NASC) organisations are contracted by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) to allocate disability support services, which includes Carer Support. A person can find their local NASC on our website at <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/disability-services/getting-support-disability/needs-assessment-and-service-coordination-services>.

It is important to note that supporting people with the diagnosis of ADHD does not fall within the responsibility of Disability Support Services funded through the Ministry. ADHD is considered a mental health condition and falls under the district health board (DHB) funding responsibility. Each DHB will have policy in relation to the allocation of support for people with a mental health condition.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Parr', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn blue oval.

Mathew Parr
**Acting Deputy Director-General
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