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Official Information Act request – Correspondence with Minister of Health

Thank you for your request of 2 July 2020, where you requested the following information:

Would you please, provide copies of all exchanges of communication (including transcripts of telephone conversations) HQSC and the Minister of Health, regarding the collation and application of the bullet-pointed data in conjunction with mental health service provision within our DHBs in conjunction with the following differentials:

- *the total number of referrals for assessment*
- *the overall (i.e. 'old' and 'new' patients) total of patients that are seen within the 3- or 8-week assessment period*
- *the number of individuals who experience an adverse event prior to assessment, and the nature of that event*
- *the number of individuals that are assessed by a service and subsequently have had adverse event outcomes within 24/48/168 hours of assessment, the nature of these adverse events and patient status at the time of the event.*

There has been no communication between the Commission and the Minister of Health regarding the above topics, therefore I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA because the Health Quality & Safety Commission does not hold any official information.

Please note, the Commission publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Wilson".

Dr Janice Wilson
Chief Executive

