



17 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 19 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) advising that you are seeking information about A Girl Called Hope (AGCH), which is a registered charity providing services on the North Shore in Auckland.

You have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Any reports provided to MSD, or created by MSD, about the services provided to young women by AGCH*
- *Any information about referrals to AGCH held by MSD. This should include referrals to services provided by LIFE Church and Mercy Ministries, both affiliated with AGCH*
- *Any information about funding or grants provided to AGCH by MSD or third parties associated with MSD*
- *Any complaints, and the response to those complaints, made to MSD about AGCH*
- *Any other information relevant to the services offered by AGCH and its interaction with SD over that time period.*

I am advised that the Ministry has no relationship or connection with A Girl Called Hope in respect of the information you have requested. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

I can, however, advise that applications for the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy were made by this organisation. Information about the total amounts paid to AGCH is available on the Ministry's website, through the COVID-19 wage subsidies – Employer Search function. The relevant page is at the following link: [COVID-](#)

[19 wage subsidies - Employer Search \(workandincome.govt.nz\)](https://www.workandincome.govt.nz) and you just need to type A Girl Called Hope into the search box.

If you would like any information about the Wage Subsidy applications made by AGCH, you are welcome to submit another request under the Act, specifying what you are seeking, including the period of time that the information should cover. This will then be considered under the Act.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

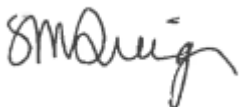
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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