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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2024, requesting information about providers who hold very high needs contracts and the level of funding over the last 12 months.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision set out below.

Can I please revise my request to the level of funding providers on a per provider basis over the last 12mths please?

You will find in the attached **Appendix,** in **Table One** a list of providers that hold very high needs contracts by contract name and the start date of that contract ending the financial year 2024. This has been broken down by region of the contract and the funding value.

You will note that the information regarding some individuals is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact <u>OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.</u>

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or 0800 802 602.

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