



23 April 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request which was transferred from the Ministry of Disabled People requesting information about entitlement to Home and Community Support (HCSS) while in hospital.

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

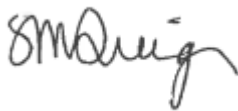
I can confirm that as per the HCSS service specifications, Disability Support Services (DSS) does not require HCSS providers to provide care for disabled people in hospital settings, as the duty of care transfers to the hospital in question.

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 OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

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