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Dear Ms McPherson

## Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health on 26 March 2019 for:

"Please advise how many cases of brain related injuries (such as memory loss) have been attributed to medications such as Gabapentin, Pregablin, Amitriptyline and/or Nortriptyline since 2010"

The New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority (Medsafe) publishes information regarding reactions to medications, including any side effects, online here: <a href="https://medsafe.govt.nz/projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp.">https://medsafe.govt.nz/projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp.</a>

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely

Derek Fitzgerald

**Acting Group Manager** 

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