

Linda Dalglish

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Ref: H202003826

Dear Ms Dalglish

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 27 May 2020 for:

*"I am writing to request the data showing the number of people that have been infected with Covid19 in NZ rest homes.
I require this to be broken down into recovered cases, current infections and deaths of those infected with Covid19 in NZ rest homes.
I would also like a break down of these same statistics for each individual rest home in NZ where infection of Covid19 occurred."*

To identify individual cases located in New Zealand rest homes would require substantial research and collation as the information would need to be collated from individual records held. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

However, the Ministry holds information relating to clusters of COVID-19 infection occurring at New Zealand rest homes. The clusters include infected residents, staff and outside contacts of New Zealand rest homes. This information is publicly available at:
<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-current-cases/covid-19-significant-clusters>.

In respect of the clusters associated with aged residential care facilities, where you have asked for the number of recovered cases, current infections and deaths broken down by each individual rest home, these are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

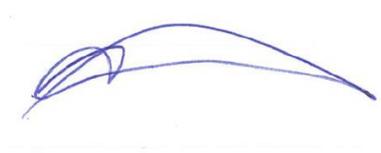
Table One: Case Status of all cases in clusters associated with aged residential care facilities.

Case Status	Number of Cases
Recovered	162
Active	0
Deceased	16
Total	178

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

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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