

9 October 2020

Amy S Van Wey Lovatt

REF: IR-01-20-27347

Dear Amy,

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 12 August 2020 in which you requested the following:

Thank you very much for your response. However, I note the OIA does not refer to the holding of statistics, but any documents. Thus, your denial of my request on the grounds that the NZ Police does not hold these statistics is irrelevant.

Thus, I go back to my initial request. If there have been cases where there has been alleged a breach of section 20 of the summary offences act, or breaking and entering in a hospital, as recently reported at occurred in Wellington, <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12362165>, the NZ Police would have documentation. This may be in the form of a police report in their log book and a case summary file (case number) which would satisfy the definition of document held by an agency. I request these documents, with identifying details (name, address) redacted.

I do not require all documents pertaining to Trespass Notices, use of false credentials, or breaking and entering. Only the documents that relate to NZ DHBs.

Given that New Zealand Police do not record specific offences relating to section 20 of the Summary Offences Act, a manual examination of thousands of case files would be required to find out if they had any relevance to your request. The exercise would place a significant burden upon Police resources. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

For the specific incident you cited, the DHB contacted NZ Police to discuss the incident. The DHB concerned said that they would look into the matter and make a formal report. No formal report or complaint to Police were received. Therefore, as the news article mentioned, "... it was not a considered to be a police matter".

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I regret that on this occasion I cannot provide you with the information you have requested. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact data@police.govt.nz.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Williams', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

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