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By email: fyi-request-23483-dd0b470c@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2023029150

Tēnā koe Kalan

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 13 July 2023. You requested:

“Was at hospital recently with my type 1 diabetic wife. her sugars were running low and she needed sugar asap to avoid a hypoglycemic event. Went to the vending machine and cafe to sort some sugar only to find these such products are not available...what measures do you have in place for type 1 diabetic? I understand you have something on your agenda about obesity but sugars in my wives case is essential. Why do hospitals have something against diabetic? Why are high sugar foods not available I feel like as a result of your fight against obesity you have neglected the needs of diabetics which at this stage is almost discrimination”

Manatū Hauora does not hold any information relating to your request; however, I have been advised that this information is held by Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, na



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COPY OF OIA REQUEST

From: Kalan Baker <fyi-request-23483-dd0b470c@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 13 July 2023 18:48
To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information request - Sugar

Dear Ministry of Health,

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Yours faithfully,
Kalan baker