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Tēnā koe Shaun

Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00032899

Thank you for your email of 28 November 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Does TWO know/have a list of all of the NGOs it has certified and/or funded? (not overly concerned about timeframes, current or active is fine)
- 2. If not, how is the information held in such a way that makes it impossible to generate a list?
- 3. Does TWO know how many NGOs it has certified? (if so, how many)
- 4. Does TWO know how much funding has been provided to NGOs? (if so, how much)

We have answered your questions by separating certification and funding and by providing the information that we can provide and suggestions on publicly available information that we believe should assist you.

Funding

Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand contracts with a range of external and third party providers for a variety of health and other services.

These are not classified in the Te Whatu Ora commissioning system in a way that identifies which of our providers are non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and which are not. We are providing what we can in response to this part of your request, but must refuse that part of your request asking for a list of NGOs, under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by Te Whatu Ora and we have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another entity subject to the Act.

We can provide a list of the third parties we contract with to deliver publicly-funded health services. Please see **Attachment 1**, which is a list of those third parties contracted by Te Whatu Ora as at June 2023.

This is a partial response to your request as we are advised that this list excludes those which are Client Claim Payment System and Proclaim providers. These providers are largely individuals and we have decided these are out of scope of the request as we have interpreted it.

Note that decisions about funding a provider are most commonly made through a Request for Proposal process via the Government Electronic Tendering System (GETS). Any provider can register on GETS to find out what services we are currently tendering for. Tendering is a robust process guided by the government rules of purchasing. More information on this can be found here:

https://www.procurement.govt.nz/procurement/principles-charter-and-rules/government-procurement-rules/

We have also included a link to our published Te Whatu Ora annual report for 2022/23. There is a financial section in this which makes reference to the funding for delivering primary, community, public and population health services which may be informative. Please see <u>https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/publications/te-whatu-ora-hnz-annual-report-2022-</u>2023/

Certification

Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand does not certify all third party providers. However, there some providers that are required to go through a certification process with HealthCERT, a part of the Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora which is responsible for ensuring hospitals, rest homes, residential disability care facilities and fertility providers provide safe and reasonable levels of service for consumers, as required under the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001. See https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services

Those providers that require certification are listed in a publicly accessible source on the website of the Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora. If this part of your request is interpreted as third party providers certified by the Ministry, the information you seek can be found in the 'Download' sections at the following links:

1) Certified Rest Home Providers <u>https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/certified-providers/aged-care</u>

2. Certified Fertility Clinic Providers

https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/certified-providers/fertility

3. Certified Private Hospital Providers

https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/certified-providers/public-hospital

4. Māori Health Provider Directory

https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/health-care-services/maorihealth-provider-directory

5. Maternity Services including third party providers

https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/pregnancy-and-kids/services-and-support-during-pregnancy/find-maternity-facilities-your-area

Apart from the secondary maternity facilities listed at 5) above, the providers listed above are not owned or operated by the New Zealand Government and are, we believe, likely to address your interest in non-governmental organisations.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at <u>hnzOIA@health.govt.nz</u>.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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