

Disability Support Services



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Tēnā koe Meredith

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 October 2024, seeking:

minutes of the EGL Mid central Leadership group meetings from May 2023 to current

Your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Disability Support Services (DSS) or Whaikaha – the Ministry of Disabled People (the Ministry).

The Ministry and DSS do not hold the meeting notes or minutes of the Mid-Central Regional Leadership Group (RLG). This is because regional leadership groups, comprising of disabled people, family members and service providers, have been formed to be independent of the Ministry and DSS.

The National Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group has developed some guidance on the role and responsibilities of the regional leadership groups, including the Mid-Central RLG. You can find out more about this through the Enabling Good Lives website: [Guidance on developing EGL Regional Leadership Groups - Enabling Good Lives](#)

The MidCentral RLG meets on a monthly basis, to addresses challenges and opportunities from the community, engage in discussion regarding feedback and celebrates achievements.

These meetings provide an opportunity to share these insights and recommendations with Mana Whaikaha, fostering a collaborative approach to addressing community needs.

You may wish to consider writing directly to the Mid-Central RLG to request a copy of their meeting minutes.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Emma Williams
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