



15 March 2024

File Ref: OIA 48224

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 25 February 2024. You asked for the following information:

- *The number of people and whānau in Tairāwhiti, who have utilised Whānau Direct to fund dental treatment between 2013 and 2023. Could you also provide an ethnicity and age breakdown. Could provide the total funding accessed per year. Could you please provide this information on an EXCEL spreadsheet if possible.*
- *The number of people and whānau in Tairāwhiti who engaged Kaiarahi services between 2013 and 2023, to support them to achieve their oral health aspirations. It would also be helpful if you could provide an overview of how these engagements with Kaiarahi have improved the oral health outcomes for members and their whānau. Could you also provide an age and ethnicity breakdown. Could you please provide this information on an EXCEL spreadsheet if possible.”*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Te Puni Kōkiri has carried out a search and the information you have requested is not held by Te Puni Kōkiri. Accordingly, we are refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the department and there are no reasonable grounds to believe it is held by, or more closely connected with the functions of, another Minister or agency.

The information you have requested may be held by Te Pou Matakana, trading as the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency. However we note that they are not subject to the OIA.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oa@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grace Smit', written in a cursive style.

Grace Smit
Hautū, Te Puni Rangapū ā-Rohe me Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Regional Partnerships
& Operations