

9 March 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 28 January 2022 that was subsequently transferred from the Ministry of Health to all DHBs on 3 March 2022.

You have requested the following information:

*"I am enquiring regarding the data collection process that tracks availability of Rest Homes beds in New Zealand. I understand that the Department of Health and/or the District Health Boards contract an outsourced service to collate the daily availability of specific vacancies at all Rest Homes. As I understand it this status of availability is displayed solely on the website of Eldernet (<https://www.eldernet.co.nz/>).*

*I am interested to understand the nature of this agreement for data collection, and the accessibility of the data in the public domain. I feel that such data, disseminated widely through various platforms would be of great benefit to the public in seeking immediate access to rest homes based on the needs assessment on their own behalf or on behalf of a relative."*

Taranaki DHB does not hold any contracts with Eldernet therefore cannot provide the information requested.

Yours sincerely



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