



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

29 JUL 2021

Tēnā koe

On 2 June 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I think MSD did a literature review for young carers – could I have this to forward to this student?*

Please see enclosed two evidence briefs that have found to be in scope of your request. Please note that these papers were commissioned by the Ministry of Social Development. The views and interpretations expressed in the paper are those of the researcher and are not an official position of the Ministry of Social Development.

- *Evidence Brief: Understanding the Needs of Young Carers* – dated 2014
- *Evidence Brief Two: The Experiences and Needs of Young Carers in Aotearoa/New Zealand* – dated 2018.

Please note that Appendix One: Participant Demographic Table has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The Ministry also suggests looking at a thesis titled *Who Cares About Us? The hidden Population of Current and Former Aotearoa/ New Zealand's Young Carers Reflect on Their Experiences*. This document is publicly available and can be found at the following link: <https://researchspace.auckland.ac.nz/handle/2292/53211>.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and

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the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response in regard to Young Carers, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivienne Jenner', with a large, stylized initial 'V'.

Vivienne Jenner

**Manager**

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