



27 May 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 7 May 2025, requesting information about funding for Very High Needs.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

- *I would like to know the current total number of disabled people who have a current Very High Needs funding allocation or receive support via a Very High Needs provider*

The Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) supported 1,367 disabled people through Very High Needs provider funding between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

We are providing you with total client numbers for 2023/24 as this is the most current financial year for which this data is available. Final client numbers for 2024/25 are not expected to be available until August 2025 and we recommend you contact us closer to this time, if you are interested in the 2024/25 financial year information.

Please note, the total number stated may include a small cohort of clients who participated in a service with a provider for part of the year and then moved to another provider's service. In these cases, the client may be counted more than once within the total provided.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, 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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Graham', written in a cursive style.

Anna Graham

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