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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2026, requesting information about disabled people accessing disability support. You referred to this report in your request: [Demographic Report of Disabled People Accessing Manatū Hauora \(the Ministry of Health\) Disability Support Services | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find the attached Appendix One that shows:

- **Table One:** The number of younger people in aged residential care broken down by age and sex for the financial year 2024/25;
- **Table Two:** The number of younger people in aged residential care population, broken down by region for the financial year 2024/25.

Please note, Disability Support Services (DSS) eligibility covers all who enter services before the age of 65 for as long as they are receiving the service. This means there are some people in these tables who are over 65 (i.e. there are some people who entered aged residential services before the age of 65 who continue to receive the service post 65 years of age).

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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