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Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 30 January 2026, requesting information about the number of young persons with disabilities (YPD) in aged residential care (ARC) facilities in the past five years.

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

Please see the attached **Appendix** for the following information:

- **Table One:** The number of YPD clients in ARC in the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025, by financial year and region.
- **Table Two:** The number of Northland YPD clients in ARC in the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025, by financial year and provider.
- **Table Three:** A list of ARC providers in Northland.

The data provided to you includes only individuals under the age of 65. While Disability Support Services continues to fund aged residential care support for people over the age of 65, they have been excluded from the data provided in the Appendix because they do not have an age-related need and therefore have not transferred across to Health New Zealand for their funding. Please note that District Health Boards are now referred to as Health New Zealand districts.

You have also asked about contracted providers. As we do not accurately capture location data based on this, we have included individuals with an allocation and provided their location. As such, we can confirm that there were no further people identified with an allocation who were reported as being in Northland aged care facilities, nor were there people reported as being in an aged care facility outside of Northland.

Please note that where the number of clients is less than 5, this has been marked as 'S' in the attached table. This information is withheld 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 the information. Information on how the Ministry applies suppression rules for data and the reasoning for this can be found here: [How we keep data private - Ministry of Social Development](#).

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request for information on YPD in ARC, 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

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