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Dear K

### **Official Information Act Request – OIA 13392 Vulnerable Person Register**

On 11 March 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

"I request all information on what services were put in place to risk assess the Vulnerable Persons List. This template is on the CASA website.

Vulnerable people are what the Waikato DHB, and some members of community boards, the police feel that suicide is imminent due to a family member having committed suicide recently or a close friend, or a cluster of suicides in a contained area.

The suggestion that varied services observe these elected 'Vulnerable Persons'. Without contact and without knowledge of such a list.

CASA also goes on to pinpoint specific data that is maintained for some 10 years and is to be shared with relevant authorities.

I have already request privately all the information regarding myself and my family members who were told by a slightly honest representative for the crown that my eldest son and myself have been on this list since 2019. To no avail. Nothing has been forthcoming at all.

CASA states that certain managers of each DHB hold the list as well as themselves, and the relevant services have access to this database.

1. What the cost of maintaining this list is for each DHB?
2. What are the observers having to observe and where is the critical point that would be addressed by making contact with a listee in order to assist?
3. I would like to know how many people are on this list either
  - a: with knowledge and consent or
  - b: completely unaware?
4. How and who collates the data collected?
5. How many persons have committed suicide whilst either
  - a: being on the list
  - b: having family members on this list for extended period with no contact?
6. I would like to know who is the administrator and who is responsible for the inadequate and inhumane structure of observing without any contact to the persons being observed, even after a family member may commit suicide?

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7. Under what human and legal rights as well as privacy laws does this 'Observing and collating data' use or fail to use?
8. What funding is allocated for this VPL and for the varied government services that are coerced to perform this?
9. Whether ACC is prepared to cover the cost of traumatic loss of life whilst being observed on the list. to cover government subsidised breach of ethics, laws, financial accountability, morality and humanity.
10. Have you heard of the cartwright enquiry?

In good faith and displaying a lot more regard than the orchestrators of this list, k."

**Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

**Questions 1 to 9 are covered by this response**

The Whanganui District Health Board does not maintain a vulnerable person register with regards to suicide clusters and contagions.

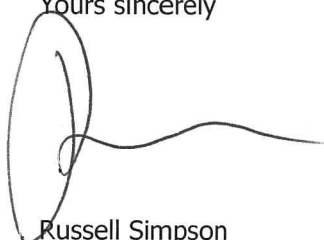
Whanganui District Health Board has not had any occurrences of suicide clusters or contagions.

**10) Have you heard of the cartwright enquiry?**

Yes we are aware of the Cartwright enquiry.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that tapers to the right.

Russell Simpson  
**Chief Executive**