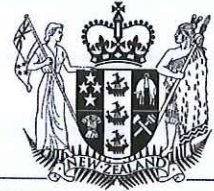


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Dear Russell J Wilson

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 4 January 2017. You requested:

"I am a retired psychologist still wishing to make a contribution to society, and particularly to improving services for people with problems arising from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). My apologies for not knowing whether or not this information has been collected here in New Zealand, but has any data been gathered with respect to the principles of Trauma Informed Care (TIC) --in hospital, educational, prison, and community settings?

Focusing on implementing the principles of TIC, especially for survivors of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), in other countries has been shown to save the community millions of dollars-- see attached documents. Compared to other countries, like Australia, the United States, and Britain, where such services have been established for decades, New Zealand seems very far behind in terms of implementing such adequate and appropriate care.

Could you please tell me if statistics have been gathered relevant to the cost-benefit analysis of TIC for people whose histories include ACEs?"

The Treasury holds no information relevant to your request. We have consulted with the Ministry of Health and ACC and understand they also hold no information. Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act – that the information requested is not held by the Treasury, and there is no reason to believe that the information is held by, or more closely connected to the functions of, another department, Minister or organisation.

This fully covers the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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