

13 March 2017

Mr Russell Wilson
Email: RustyRiley@outlook.com

Dear Mr Wilson

Re: Official Information Act Request

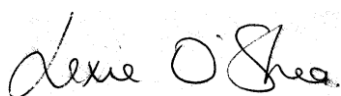
I refer to your Official Information Act request received by email on 16 February 2017 in which you specifically requested the following:

- ***What research and / or evaluation is being conducted regarding the use of the following approaches within Psychiatry / Mental Health***
6 Core Strategies Approach
SPEC (safe practice, effective communication)
Safewards
Concerning Trauma Informed Care – recommendations for specific actions by staff in certain specific situations
- ***Could you also please advise if an audit of case files has been conducted – one off or ongoing***
- ***How often patients are asked about whether or not they have experienced trauma in their lives,***
- ***What form this takes, and general characteristics of those asked – demographic, diagnostic, history of contact with the mental health service.***

The Mental Health Addictions & Intellectual Disability Service advises that there has been no audit or research carried out on the four approaches you requested a response on.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chief Executive Officer