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By email: s 9(2)(a)
Ref: H202203342

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 28 February 2022. You asked:

“With the recent closure of Laura Fergusson disability residential service, how many clients have had to access aged care services and what was their age at the time of access? Please note, we are not seeking to identify any clients, but aggregated data.”

When the Ministry was notified in November 2019 of Laura Fergusson Trust’s intention to close services, there were 51 clients who received residential services. All clients were transitioned to new service providers by 1 July 2020.

There were 10 clients transferred from Laura Fergusson Trust residential services to hospital level aged care services. Please refer to the table below that shows the aggregated ages of the clients at time of transitioning to their new service provider:

| Age | Number of clients |
|----------|-------------------|
| Under 50 | 1 |
| 50 - 54 | 2 |
| 55 - 59 | 4 |
| Over 60 | 3 |
| Total | 10 |

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Bleckmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amanda Bleckmann
**Acting Deputy Director-General
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