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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 24 October 2022 for:

“Please provide a list (in Excel) of all aged care facilities which have closed or stopped operating since 1 January 2021 across New Zealand including at a minimum:

- 1. Name of Facility*
- 2. Address*
- 3. Number of Beds closed”*

The information you have requested is attached to this letter as Document 1. This contains the details of all aged care facilities where HealthCERT was notified of the closure from 1 January 2021 to 31 October 2022. The spreadsheet has been collated with the following information:

- Legal entity name and premise name (provider name)
- Premise street address
- The date HealthCERT was notified of the closure
- The date of closure (cessation of services)
- Bed numbers
- Aged care facility funder.

HealthCERT is the team within Manatū Hauora that is responsible for regulating aged residential care (ARC) providers as required under the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001. Where there is a closure, the ARC provider works closely with the relevant funder to ensure families and residents are communicated with about the closure, to check bed availability in the region for relocation of residents, and to ensure a smooth and safe transition of residents into their new ARC facility.

Please note, HealthCERT is not always advised of the reasons why ARC providers choose to cease services.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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