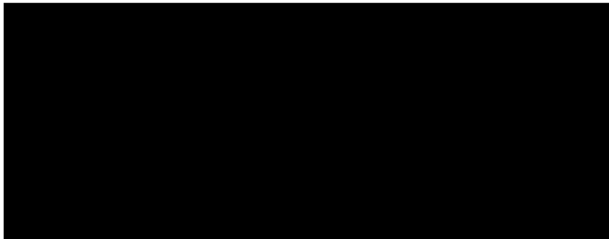


11 July 2019



### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 13 June 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*"Hi would like to know what the rights of the patients who were resettled from the Kimberly centre were please?? Were the new providers of the patients s responsible for all health payment s?"*

Information held by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) pertaining to your request is set out below.

*"I would like to know what the rights of the patients who were resettled from the Kimberley Centre were..."*

The de-institutionalisation plan to resettle people who had been living in the Kimberley Centre was underpinned by the principles of 'normalisation' which recognized and attempted to formally acknowledge their rights to have life experiences like those of other people living in society.

These people possess the same rights as all other citizens living in New Zealand and the provision of support services for them within community based settings outside of an institution demonstrates recognition of their rights.

*"Were the new providers of the patients responsible for all health payments..."*

Payments for these people's post settlement support services were and still are the responsibility of the Ministry. The provision of most of these services is primarily the responsibility of Ministry-contracted service providers.

In addition to contracting independent service providers to provide former Kimberley residents with a range of disability support services, the Ministry has also continued its commitment to fund some specialist health related services for them as required. This includes physiotherapy, occupational and speech language therapy, podiatry, dietetics and dental services which these former residents previously received when residing in Kimberley.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



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