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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was partially transferred from Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora (HNZ) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 10 June 2024. You requested:

*“The number of staffing positions dedicated to palliative care services and assisted dying respectively within the Ministry of Health.”*

The Ministry of Health has the responsibility of regulating the End of Life Choice Act 2019 and Assisted Dying services and has an FTE of 6.7. This FTE includes the positions of the Registrar and Deputy Registrar for Assisted Dying (1.7FTE). The remaining FTE provides secretariat support to the Registrar and the two statutory committees under the End of Life Choice Act 2019. There is no specific resource devoted to palliative care at the Ministry.

As you may be aware, in March 2023 the clinical functions of the Assisted Dying Service transferred to HNZ. All service provision and commissioning for palliative care is the responsibility of HNZ also. As you have also made your request to their agency, please refer to HNZ's response in due course for further information.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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