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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 the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 31 October 2024. You requested:

“The number of death reports that were referred to the Registrar of Assisted Dying by the End of Life Choice Review Committee in 2022, 2023 and 2024 due to their concerns that a death may have been wrongful?”

The number of death reports that were received by the Registrar of Assisted Dying in 2022, 2023 and 2024 due to the concerns of the End of Life Choice Review Committee that were not investigated due to the Ministry of Health considering that “it should be assumed that nothing was wrong”.

The number of death reports received by the Registrar of Assisted Dying since the introduction of “assisted dying” on 7th November 2021 where the Registrar found that the death was wrongful?”

No death reports have been received by the Registrar (assisted dying) because of the above concerns.

The Registrar reviews death reports to ensure that the requirements of section 21(2) of the End of Life Choice Act 2019 (the Act) have been met before they are sent to the End of Life Review Committee. If there was an issue identified during the Registrar’s review, or the information provided required clarification/amendment, the Registrar would take the appropriate actions to address this before it is sent to the End of Life Review Committee.

Please note that the Registrar is not responsible for deciding if a death is 'wrongful'. Any purported breach of the Act would be determined through further legal processes.

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.

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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