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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 27 May 2024 for information regarding Gumboot Friday. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

My questions relate to the funding of \$24m over 4 years that has been awarded to I Am Hope.

- 1. Which Government Procurement Rules were used?*
- 2. Was this advertised openly (e.g. on GETS) or was an exemption obtained? (as per Gov't procurement rules)*

The Ministry of Health is applying opt-out rule 12.3.k under the all-of-government rules of procurement. As such, there has not been an open advertisement.

- 3. Did the Ministry engage with other agencies to seek opportunities to Collaborate?*

The Ministry is engaging with Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) regarding implementation of the Government commitment to fund services delivered through the Gumboot Friday initiative.

- 4. Did the Ministry consider if the need is already covered by an existing All-of-Government contract?*
- 5. Was a Procurement Plan done? If so, please provide this.*

Through the coalition agreement commitment, and the approval of Budget 24 funding, the Government has directed the Ministry to enter into a contract for the delivery of services through the Gumboot Friday initiative. There are no existing contracts between the Ministry or Health New Zealand with the I Am Hope Foundation. The Ministry is now going through internal procurement and contract processes to implement the Government decision as directed.

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.

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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