

12 January 2025

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 29 November 2025 for:

Timeframe: 1 January 2015 to the date of receipt.

Scope clarification: I am not seeking internal email chains or drafts unless they are the only record of the substantive information described.

Please provide:

1. Research, policy, and analysis

Any policy papers, research, advice, or analysis since 2015 that refer to ADHD in women or girls, including under-identification, gender differences, or access barriers.

If none exist, please confirm.

2. Cross-agency collaboration

Any correspondence or collaboration with other agencies on ADHD, neurodiversity, women's mental health, or gender equity as it relates to ADHD.

If none exist, please confirm.

3. Public-facing materials

Any public-facing materials, campaigns, or resources since 2015 that include ADHD, including any broader women's health or equity materials where ADHD is specifically referenced.

If none exist, please confirm.

4. Monitoring and evaluation

Any monitoring, wellbeing, or equity frameworks used by the Ministry that include ADHD, including any broader disability or neurodiversity indicators where ADHD is specifically referenced.

If none exist, please confirm.

5. Mandate and categorisation

If the Ministry has not undertaken ADHD-specific work, please confirm and indicate whether ADHD issues are considered part of another agency's mandate from your perspective.

If information is not held

If your agency does not hold some or all of the information requested, that absence helps clarify current system visibility. Please confirm if information is not held and include any documents recording decisions not to collect or monitor ADHD related information. If applicable, please indicate how related matters are categorised.

In response to points 1-4 of your request, we have undertaken a thorough search of our information systems back to 2015 and have not identified any information within scope of your request. As such, we have decided to refuse your request under section 18(g) [information is not held by the Ministry] of the Official Information Act.

In response to part 5 of your request, the Ministry of Health sets health policy across the public sector and ADHD is likely part of their mandate.

Official Information Act responses

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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