



**13 July 2021**



**RE: Official Information Act 1982 request**

I refer to your official information request dated 6 July 2021 for:

*I would like to request under the OIA all of the OCC monitoring reports.*

On Thursday 8 July 2021 you confirmed that you were refining your request to OCC reports produced from 2018 onwards.

I have identified over 30 documents that fall in scope of this request.

For timeliness we will release your request in three parts. The first tranche, attached, relates to the Care and Protection Residences. The second tranche of your request relates to a different type of monitoring report which focuses on the voices of the young people that we spoke to. We will get the second tranche of your request to you on, or before, Tuesday 3 August 2021 which is within the original 20 working days of your request.

The Office of the Children's Commissioner is a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) under the Crimes of Torture Act (1989). The role of the OCC is to visit Youth Justice and Care and Protection Residences to examine the conditions and treatment of children and young people, identify any improvements required or problems needing to be addressed, and make recommendations aimed at strengthening protections, improving treatment and conditions, and preventing ill treatment.

Please find attached 15 reports:

1. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Epuni Care and Protection Residence: 14 June 2018*

2. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Epuni Care and Protection Residence: 11 June 2020*
3. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (unannounced OPCAT visit) Puketai Care and Protection Residence: 29 April 2019*
4. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Puketai Care and Protection Residence: 16 January 2020*
5. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Puketai Care and Protection Residence: 17 June 2020*
6. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Puketai Care and Protection Residence: 6 April 2021*
7. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (unannounced OPCAT visit) Te Oranga Care and Protection Residence: 4 June 2019*
8. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Oranga Care and Protection Residence: 19 December 2019*
9. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Te Oranga Care and Protection Residence: 18 June 2020*
10. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Oranga Care and Protection Residence: 11 December 2020*
11. *Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Whakatakopokai Care and Protection Residence: 27 May 2019*
12. *Barnardos Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Poutama Ārahi Rangatahi: 05 June 2018*
13. *Barnardos Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Poutama Ārahi Rangatahi: 06 December 2019*
14. *Barnardos Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Te Poutama Ārahi Rangatahi: 18 June 2020*
15. *Barnardos Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Poutama Ārahi Rangatahi: 4 March 2021*

Some information within these reports has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act as withholding this information is necessary to protect the privacy of rangatahi in these spaces and staff members who interviewed them. Information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to ensure that information which is provided to us in confidence is not released in a way which may impact young people talking with us in the future. Information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(i) of the Act to protect the privacy of stakeholders who hold contracts with Oranga Tamariki to provide services within the residences.

We have not included the two reports that we have previously released on 30 June 2021. These are from two visits to the Epuni Care and Protection Residence dated 18 November 2019 and 2

March 2021. These reports can be found following this link:

<https://www.occ.org.nz/publications/oia/epuni-care-and-protection-residence/>. We are planning to proactively release our OPCAT reports via our website, after you have received all of them. This will be from the first week of August.

If you wish to discuss this with us, please feel free to contact Leah Haines, Manager- Media & Communications via email at [l.haines@occ.org.nz](mailto:l.haines@occ.org.nz).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

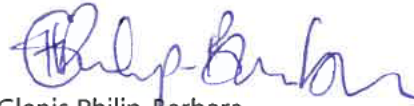
Ngā mihi



Judge Andrew Becroft

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