




2 August 2021



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request, which was partially transferred on 19 July 2021 to the Ministry of Education. You have requested the following information:

- *All information sent to and received from government Ministers, every year since 1970, relating to Lake Alice Hospital and other State care institutions. In addition, please include information relating to liability, reputation and financial cost.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have identified three documents in scope of your request, which we are releasing to you in full. These documents are attached to this letter as **Appendix A**.

The reason for so few documents being in scope of your request is because the Hospital was administered by the local District Health Board. In 1973, a small school opened at the hospital site to provide for the education needs of patients in the Child and Adolescent Unit, and to provide some tutorial assistance to patients in the secure block. The school was administered by the Wanganui Education Board, which was responsible for staffing, funding and providing school equipment as an operational function.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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