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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA018-2025/26)

On 29 November 2025, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information in relation to Pacific communities and ADHD. I have outlined your specific request and my response below.

*I'm making this Official Information Act request as part of ADHDInquiryNZ, a grassroots, unfunded volunteer initiative supporting a public petition calling for a Parliamentary inquiry into systemic ADHD harm. This request focuses on information held by your agency to help identify how ADHD is currently recognised within existing systems. Information gathered will contribute to the evidence base provided to the Petitions Committee. I appreciate the time involved in OIA responses.*

**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. **Policy, research, and analysis**

*Any policy work, research, analysis, or briefings since 2015 that refer to ADHD or related neurodevelopmental conditions among Pacific peoples.*

### 2. **Cross-agency engagement**

*Any correspondence or advice shared with other agencies about cultural barriers, stigma, access, or service design relating to Pacific peoples with ADHD.*

### 3. **Community-facing resources**

*Any community-facing resources, health information, or awareness campaigns relating to ADHD produced or distributed by MPP.*

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**4. Monitoring and evaluation**

*Any monitoring or evaluation frameworks that include ADHD or broader neurodiversity within Pacific wellbeing reporting.*

In response to questions one to four, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

**5. Mandate and categorisation**

*If MPP has not engaged with ADHD-specific issues, please confirm and indicate where ADHD is considered to sit within existing portfolios (e.g., youth wellbeing, mental health, inclusion).*

**If information is not held**

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

As confirmed in questions one through four, the Ministry has not undertaken work on ADHD-specific issues. However, if the Ministry were to address ADHD-related matters in the future, responsibility would rest with the Pacific Peoples with Disabilities Lead, Policy and Insights.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: [uia\\_requests@mpp.govt.nz](mailto:uia_requests@mpp.govt.nz).

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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