

6 April 2016

Our reference: LEX 18342

By email:

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To whom it may concern,

## Your Freedom of Information request

I refer to your request of 31 March 2016 and received by the Department of Human Services (the department) on the same date for access to the following information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**):

'Pursuant the Freedom of Information Act - Please provide an approximate number of persons affected by the misuse outlined in the previous document; use of prohibited diagnostic imaging practices (word of mouth, verbal information relay, act to commit a harm upon the person subjected to such 'imaging' if not endanger life).

Please provide number of persons medicated without proper medical review of family disease history.

Please provide number of persons subjected to peer-group pressure tatics to sell them medication (paid for by the tax payer)

Please provide number of persons suffering disease that also exists as risk of consuming medication administered after a verbal imaging of the person by ONE health worker that doesn't like the person and acts accordingly by dismissing their needs out of hand for the health workers need of getting another consumer (at any cost - not much wonder you attempt to harm people by using such methods of abuse where the victim has no manner to correct the record because you have either harmed them or removed their rights to inspect police held materials under mental health laws).'

## Section 15 of the FOI Act - invalid request

Section 15(2)(b) of the FOI Act provides that, in order for an FOI request to be valid, it must:

"provide such information concerning the document as is reasonably necessary to enable a responsible officer of the agency... to identify it".

You have asked the department a number of questions within your FOI request detailed above. However, you have not identified, with sufficient detail, the documents you wish to access. The FOI Act provides you with a right to access documents, and not to access information (section 11(1) of the FOI Act). The department is unable to conduct research on

your behalf and this is not a function of the FOI Act. Accordingly, your request is not valid at this time.

We may be able to assist you if you can identify a particular document you wish to access under the FOI Act, with enough information that the department can appropriately identify the document.

## **Further assistance**

You can contact the department at <u>FOI.Legal.Team@humanservices.gov.au</u> if you would like to make a new request or have any questions about this letter.

I note that within the relevant email address that you have provided, you make a reference to committing suicide. Should you require any assistance or crisis support, you may wish to contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or at <a href="https://www.lifeline.org.au/Get-Help/">https://www.lifeline.org.au/Get-Help/</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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