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Thank you for your email, received on 20 May 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on caregiving arrangements within the Gloriavale Christian Community. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

1. *All policies, guidelines, operational instructions, legal advice, training materials, assessments, memoranda, briefing papers, practice notes, and internal communications relating to:*
 - a. *the assessment or approval of Gloriavale members as caregivers, foster parents, adoptive parents, guardians, or custodians;*
 - b. *the placement of children into Gloriavale households or environments;*
 - c. *any identified risks, safeguards, monitoring requirements, or special considerations relating to Gloriavale caregiving environments.*
2. *All information relating to caregiver applications, approvals, refusals, suspensions, cancellations, reassessments, reviews, investigations, or oversight processes involving Gloriavale members, including in relation to:*
 - a. *foster care;*
 - b. *emergency or respite care;*
 - c. *permanent care or Home for Life arrangements;*
 - d. *adoption;*
 - e. *guardianship or custody arrangements.*
3. *All reports, reviews, assessments, file notes, emails, meeting notes, complaints, incident reports, notifications of concern, investigations, or risk assessments relating to:*
 - a. *children placed with Gloriavale members;*
 - b. *the wellbeing or safety of those children;*
 - c. *the suitability of Gloriavale households for caregiving purposes;*
 - d. *concerns regarding education, healthcare, discipline practices, labour expectations, psychological wellbeing, isolation from wider society, coercive control, religious control, or child welfare.*
4. *Statistical information relating to:*

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- a. *the number of Gloriavale members or households who applied to become caregivers, foster parents, adoptive parents, guardians, or custodians;*
 - b. *the number approved, declined, suspended, reassessed, reviewed, or revoked;*
 - c. *the number of children placed with Gloriavale caregivers or households;*
 - d. *the time periods during which placements occurred.*
5. *All communications relating to Gloriavale caregiving or child placements between Oranga Tamariki and:*
 - a. *Gloriavale leaders, representatives, or members;*
 - b. *other government agencies;*
 - c. *NGOs, contracted providers, or external professionals.*
6. *All information relating to the ongoing monitoring, safeguarding, welfare checking, reassessment, or review of children placed with or cared for by Gloriavale members, including:*
 - a. *home visits, caregiver reviews, welfare assessments, or monitoring reports;*
 - b. *concerns, complaints, incident reports, notifications of concern, or reports of harm;*
 - c. *discussions regarding the adequacy of safeguarding or oversight arrangements;*
 - d. *consideration of removing, restricting, relocating, or reassessing placements;*
 - e. *inter-agency communications concerning child safety or wellbeing;*
 - f. *any reviews, audits, lessons learned exercises, or policy discussions relating to Gloriavale placements.*
7. *Any reviews, audits, inquiries, investigations, legal advice, or external reports concerning the appropriateness, safety, oversight, or monitoring of placing children within Gloriavale environments.*
8. *Any information held by predecessor agencies, including Child, Youth and Family Services, falling within the scope of this request.*

We are not aware of any formal caregiver assessments happening for residents of the Gloriavale Christian Community. As such, we are unable to identify information in scope of your requests, which are founded on the possibility that such assessments and placements have occurred.

As such, your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the Act, on the grounds that the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

If you are aware of a placement where the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person is at risk, I would encourage you to make a report of concern so Oranga Tamariki can investigate, and take action if required. Information on how to make a report of concern can be found [here](#), or alternatively please call 0508 326 459.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

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I trust you find this information useful. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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