



12 February 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 January 2021 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The number of young people who are under the care of Oranga Tamariki, under a s14(1)(d) and s14(1)(e) order in 2020.*

I understand that you have been corresponding with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] in order to clarify the timeframe of your request. Please find our response below.

In the financial year 2019/20, which covers the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, 178 Family Group Conference (FGC) referrals were received under section 247(a) of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989. Section 247(a) is used to refer children and young people who meet the definition outlined in section 14(1)(e) of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.

We are unable to provide the number of FGC referrals that were received in relation to children and young people who meet the definition outlined in section 14(1)(d). This information is not centrally recorded in a way that we can report on and would require us to review all FGC plans, outcomes, and recommendations for 2019/20. Therefore, we are refusing this part of the request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz).

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If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to be 'S. Groom', written in a cursive style.

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