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I refer to your email dated 12 January 2023 and the attached letter requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 as follows:

The information we seek relates to living or deceased Dilworth staff members who have been either accused of or convicted of child sexual abuse or other abuse of Dilworth students. The former Dilworth staff members this request relates to are:



The specific information we seek in relation to the above-named Dilworth staff members is as follows:

- 1. Any documents or correspondence regarding complaints of any kind of abuse of any person.
- 2. Any documents or correspondence regarding investigations of these complaints.
- 3. Any documents or correspondence regarding investigation outcomes i.e. disciplinary action, Police notification.

The Education Review Office was established as a department in October 1989. ERO currently holds the Dilworth School review files for April 2021 and May 2015 reports. All review files for the earlier reports were disposed of in accordance with ERO's Disposal Authority or General Disposal Authorities issued by Archives New Zealand.

ERO only reports on its findings from a school or early childhood service review. In every case these reports are made public. It does not have powers of investigation or enforcement in relation to specific complaints or concerns about health and safety issues.

A search of our records did not show any information or inquiry about any of the individuals you have listed.

I am refusing your request under section 18 (e) of the OIA as the specific information requested does not exist.

You have a right by way of complaint under <u>section 28(3)</u> of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Ngā mihi

Nicholas Pole

Chief Executive and Chief Review Officer