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15 February 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act request for Evaluation of Counselling in Schools

I refer to your request sent to the Ministry of Education on 09 January 2024 that was transferred to the Education Review Office on 31 January 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 as follows:

What metrics or criteria are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the mental health interventions funded within the Counselling in Schools program?

Please find our full response below.

The Education Review Office was commissioned by the Ministry of Education to evaluate the Counselling in Schools initiative in participating primary and intermediate schools. The evaluation as of Phase 2 has looked at implementation, early outcomes, and examples of good practice.

Outcomes were measured using two tools:

- Learning Engagement Measurement Tool (LEMT): a tool developed by the Education Review Office in consultation with the Ministry of Education for the purpose of this evaluation.
- Child Outcome Rating Scale (CORS).

Phase 1 and 2 of this evaluation can be found here:

[Evaluation of Awhi Mai, Awhi Atu/Counselling in Schools Phase 1](#)

[Evaluation of Awhi Mai, Awhi Atu/Counselling in Schools Phase 2](#)

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. We do not publish requesters' personal information.

You have the right seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Shinoda'.

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