

Transparency Statement

This transparency statement explains how we collect, use, and share information gathered about members of the public or other entities (directly or indirectly) in accordance with the Information Gathering and Public Trust standards. This includes the functions of the Commission.

The objective of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission (the Commission) in performing its functions and exercising its powers, under the [Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Act 2020](#), is to contribute to better and equitable mental health and wellbeing outcomes for people in New Zealand.

The Commission has the power to:

- a) publicly report on any matters concerning the mental health and wellbeing of people in New Zealand; and
- b) make recommendations to any person (including any Minister) on any matters concerning mental health and wellbeing; and
- c) obtain information in accordance with sections 14 to 16 of Part 2 of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Act 2020.

Other than that, the Commission does not have any law enforcement or regulatory compliance responsibilities and does not gather any information for these purposes.

The security of our premises is managed in accordance with our health, safety, and wellness policy and in accordance with government procurement standards and government Protective Security Requirements. The security of our information is managed in accordance with our privacy policy and information and in compliance with the Privacy Act 1993, the Official Information Act 1982, and the Public Records Act 2005. The information we hold is used only for the purpose for which it is collected or as otherwise advised, and data collected is aggregated or anonymised.

Note where we have serious concerns regarding potential threats to the physical security of staff, or the security of information or places, we will engage an appropriate authority (such as the New Zealand Police | Nga Pirihimana o Aotearoa).

Should we identify a need to gather information in scope of the model standards in future, we will ensure compliance with Information Gathering and Public Trust standards and update this transparency statement.

This statement applies to information gathered by us, our contractors, or any other third parties engaged by us.



Enquiries and complaints

If you have any enquiries about our information-gathering activities, or believe we have not acted in accordance with this statement, you should contact us at the following address:

The Privacy Officer
Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission
DX Box SP 22502
Wellington
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