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Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00205784

Thank you for your email, transferred from the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ) on 16 July 2026, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

> *The following information concerning the ten highest paid medical practitioners paid for providing euthanasia and assisted suicide during the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.*
>
> *The number of euthanasia and assisted suicides performed by each of the ten medical practitioners?*
>
> *The total amount of remuneration received by each of the ten medical practitioners for performing or assisting in euthanasia and assisted suicide.*

Response

Health NZ operates the Assisted Dying Service and pays eligible medical and nurse practitioners for assisted dying services provided in primary care and private practice. Funding is claimed on a fee-for-service basis through a formal payment system. More information on funding for assisted dying services is available at this link: www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-professionals/guidance-standards/topic/death-and-dying/assisted-dying/assisted-dying-service-funding-and-payments.

Previously published reports on the Assisted Dying Service can be found on the Health NZ website, available at the following link: www.healthnz.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/programmes-and-initiatives/assisted-dying-service.

Publicly available information on the role of the Registrar (assisted dying) – a statutory role under the End of Life Choice Act 2019, and annual reports on the Assisted Dying Service published by the Registrar for Assisted Dying, is available on the Ministry of Health website, at the following link: www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/assisted-dying/statutory-roles-and-groups/registrar-assisted-dying.

For clarity, I respond to each of your questions in turn below.

> *Concerning the ten highest paid medical practitioners paid for providing euthanasia and assisted suicide during the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026: The number of euthanasia and assisted suicides performed by each of the ten medical practitioners?*

Information on the number of assisted deaths provided by the 10 practitioners with the highest total payments received under the Assisted Dying Service Notice 2021 over the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is outlined in **table 1** below.

Table 1

Total number of assisted deaths provided by the 10 practitioners with the highest total payments received under the Assisted Dying Service Notice 2021 over the period 1 April 2025–31 March 2026, broken down by individual practitioner	
Practitioner Number	**Total Number**
1	34
2	29
3	21
4	21
5	22
6	14
7	11
8	14
9	14
10	16
Total	**196**

Notes to Table 1:

- The information in table 1 is not ranked by the number of assisted deaths provided by each practitioner (ranking is according to total remuneration received – from highest to lowest).
- The data in table 1 is sourced from the Assisted Dying Service IT platform.
- Health NZ has worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to consolidate and review the data provided. This information is reviewed and ratified over time. Due to the introduction of the new national regulatory IT platform and subsequent migration of data from the previous platform, we note that further review and adjustment of this data may occur.

  Concerning the ten highest paid medical practitioners paid for providing euthanasia and assisted suicide during the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026: The total amount of remuneration received by each of the ten medical practitioners for performing or assisting in euthanasia and assisted suicide.

The total remuneration received by each of the 10 highest paid practitioners under the Assisted Dying Service Notice 21 over the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is outlined in **table 2** below.

Table 2

Total amount of remuneration received by each practitioner under the Assisted Dying Service Notice 2021 over the period 1 April 2025–31 March 2026, broken down by individual practitioner	
Practitioner Number	**Total Remuneration**
1	$136,267.59
2	$131,518.42
3	$113,762.70
4	$86,669.72
5	$85,489.31
6	$76,664.87
7	$73,277.37
8	$70,083.00
9	$67,596.34
10	$66,434.90
Total	**$907,764.22**

Notes to Table 2:

- The data in table 2 is sourced from the Assisted Dying Service IT platform.
- All payments exclude GST.
- Remuneration information captured in table 2 above does not include any travel payments made to individual practitioners. Practitioners can claim travel costs when they need to travel to provide assisted dying services, as outlined in the Assisted Dying Section 88 Notice User Guide. More information on additional or part payments available to practitioners who provide assisted dying services is available at the following link: www.health.govt.nz/publications/assisted-dying-section-88-notice-user-guide.

Please note that the data in this response is provisional and used for operational purposes. It has not been through the full quality assurance process that we use before publishing data and therefore is subject to change.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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