

Letters Sent to Controlling Agencies Regarding Access to Restricted Files

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently Physiotherapy New Zealand are constructing a website with the aim of informing physiotherapists and other interested academics about the range and general content of archives in New Zealand related to physiotherapy. A number of files related to physiotherapy that are held at Archives New Zealand are restricted. This includes a file entitled Mental Health – Lake Alice Hospital – Inspections – Head Office Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy and Dieticians, 1962-1986 (Reference: ABQU, 632, W4452 148/30/49/4/4). The restriction on this file currently ends in 2036.

It would be of great help to our project if I was able to access the file now and catalogue its general contents. No patient names would be listed, and I would be happy to work within any other conditions that you may place on my accessing the file. We hope that such work would be used to assist other researchers in locating files relevant to their research. Obviously any future researchers wanting to consult this file would have to make a separate request for access.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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