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Dear Audrey,

OIA 2024/20 – Lessons learned from the *Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Ora Aotearoa: COVID 19 Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Plan*

In response to our OIA 2025/01, MOH advised that the GDS *Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Ora Aotearoa: COVID 19 Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Plan* had been superseded by *Kia Manawanui Aotearoa – Long-term pathway to mental wellbeing*. The Institute has the following three OIA questions:

1. Can you advise why the *Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Ora Aotearoa: COVID 19 Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Plan* was archived?
2. Has the plan been replaced? If yes, please name and provide a link? If not, Does MOH is intend to replace the plan?
3. Can advise whether there has been any review of the effectiveness of the *Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Ora Aotearoa: COVID 19 Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Plan* now that it has been archived?
4. If the answer to question 3 is yes, can you please provide us a copy of this review?

If you have any questions or require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Arne Larsen (copied in).

Kind regards,



Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive