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Re: Official Information Act request – First Trimester abortion services in the Auckland, Waitemata, and Counties Manukau DHBs was tabled in 2020

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 14 August 2021 requesting the following information:

- Which providers have been contracted to have a First Trimester abortion service in the greater Auckland metropolitan area (Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau) as a result of the request for expressions of interest?
- Will they provide medical or surgical abortions? Or both?
- Have the above providers previously been a provider of abortion services under the former law, or are they new providers and need training in performing surgical or providing medical abortions?

Further, could you please provide the following:

- A list of all abortion providers within the wider Auckland metropolitan area (Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau), and;
 - The gestation to which they offer abortion
 - The type of abortions they provide: medical or surgical (and for later gestations if they offer feticide and/or Dilation and Extraction)
 - If they are publicly funded through the DHBs, receive only private patients, or have a mixture of both

RESPONSE

1. Which providers have been contracted to have a First Trimester abortion service in the greater Auckland metropolitan area (Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau) as a result of the request for expressions of interest?

Auckland Medical Aid Clinic was contracted. In addition to the existing services provided by DHBs.

2. Will they provide medical or surgical abortions? Or both?
Both.

3. **Have the above providers previously been a provider of abortion services under the former law, or are they new providers and need training in performing surgical or providing medical abortions?**

They are an existing provider.

4. **A list of all abortion providers within the wider Auckland metropolitan area (Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau), and;**
- **The gestation to which they offer abortion**
 - **The type of abortions they provide: medical or surgical (and for later gestations if they offer feticide and/or Dilation and Extraction)**
 - **If they are publicly funded through the DHBs, receive only private patients, or have a mixture of both**

The Auckland Medical Aid Clinic provide publicly funded abortion care, both medical (up to 9 weeks) and surgical (up to 14 weeks). Further details of providers are also available on MOH website - <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/sexual-health/considering-abortion/abortion-provider-locations>

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely



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