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**Re: Official Information Act request –**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received 1 February requesting the following information:

- **The number of abortions that were performed pre 20 weeks and post 20 weeks at your facilities in 2021.**
- **The number of medical and surgical abortions that were performed at the above facilities in 2021.**
- **The gestational age of the oldest unborn child aborted in your facilities in 2021**
- **The number of women who had pre abortion counselling in 2021 in your facilities.**

## Response

As discussed and agreed with Mark Fenwick, Official Information Manager 23 February 2022, you were prepared to wait until April, when the Women's Health Service ran its scheduled data production, so that we could provide you with the fullest information set we could provide.

- 1. The number of abortions that were performed pre 20 weeks and post 20 weeks at your facilities in 2021.**
  - 1.1. Pre 20 weeks**  
3,999
  - 1.2 Post 20 weeks**  
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- 2. The number of medical and surgical abortions that were performed at the above facilities in 2021.**
  - 2.1 Medical**  
1,935
  - 2.2 Surgical**  
2,092
- 3. The gestational age of the oldest foetus aborted in your facilities in 2021**

We refuse to provide the information requested on the basis of s 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, to protect the privacy of individual people.

**4. The number of women who had pre abortion counselling in 2021 in your facilities.**

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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 at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Executive**