

21 July 2022

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act request – Pregnancy and Perinatal Data –
Our ref: HNZ1857**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 4 July 2021, requesting the following information:

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA), for the first six months of 2022.

- **The number of miscarriages recorded per year.**
- **The number of ectopic pregnancies per year.**
- **The number of molar pregnancies per year.**
- **The number of live births per year.**
- **Number of perinatal deaths and neonatal deaths per year.**

Response

We have the following recorded in our system. The data provided is for the period January – May 2022. We are partially refusing your request for June 2022 data citing section 18 (f), Official Information Act substantial research or collation. Data collected in will not be available without substantial collation. The alternative would require the review of individual clinical records of patients.

Due to the sensitivity of this information, frontline clinical staff would need to review individual clinical files over the course of four years and it would not be appropriate to use a contractor to review the records. This would take the frontline staff away from their clinical work and prejudice our ability to provide core clinical services.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to this aspect of your request would assist us in managing this work and have concluded it would not. We have, therefore, determined to refuse this element of your request under s18(f) of the Act.

1. The number of miscarriages recorded

156

2. The number of ectopic pregnancies

76

3. The number of molar pregnancies

27

4. The number of live births

2,971

5. Number of perinatal deaths and neonatal deaths

21 perinatal deaths (stillbirth)

10 neonatal deaths

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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 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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