

6 December 2022

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: HN200006450**

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2022, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“How many diagnoses of foetal anticonvulsant syndrome have been made in Aotearoa in the past ten years? Displayed by year, and district diagnosis made in.”*

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand does not hold information about the total number of diagnoses made of fetal anticonvulsant syndrome. Te Whatu Ora does not hold primary care data, and this syndrome may be diagnosed in a primary care setting. As such, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by Te Whatu Ora and there is no reason for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

However, Te Whatu Ora does hold national-level information about people who have been hospitalised. This data is coded using the *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems* (ICD-10). In that system, fetal anticonvulsant syndrome is coded to *Other congenital malformation syndromes due to known exogenous causes* (Q86.8).

According to our data, in the period between 2010/11 and 2019/20 financial years there was one publicly funded hospital discharge with Q86.8 as the primary diagnosis, in 2013/14.

**How to get in contact**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzoia@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzoia@health.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on Health NZ's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available on our website.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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