

17th November 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Age of mothers giving birth

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 5th November 2020, you requested the following information:

“I am writing to request data on the age of mothers who gave birth in DHB facilities between 2017 and this year.

Can you please provide the age of the youngest and oldest woman to give birth in each of 2017, 2018, 2019 and so far this year?”

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 7,500 staff and provide health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 569,400 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

The information in table 1 below reflects the age range of mothers who have given birth in CM Health facilities from 2017 to 2020 to date. Due to privacy reasons we have provided the information in age-band categories. For years 2019 and 2020 >45 age-range we have withheld the exact number and have provided the information below to protect the privacy of individuals, stating the exact number may make the individuals identifiable. Withholding to protect the privacy of individuals is permitted under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Age of Birthing Mothers				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
<17	66	42	31	13
>45	10	6	<5	<5

Table 1: Data Sourced Health Intelligence & Informatics 09.11.2020

I trust that this information is helpful. 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 may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health