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Official Information Act Request for – Maternity Services Data

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 20th October 2021, you requested the following information:

1. Data on the raw number of caesarean sections conducted at the DHB broken down like this:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Planned												
Emergency												

2. Data on the number of episiotomies conducted at the DHB since 2010, broken down by year
3. Data on the number of epidurals conducted at the DHB since 2010, broken down by year
4. Data on the number of births at DHB facilities, broken down by year, since 2010
5. Data on the average number of FTE core midwifery positions (NOT community midwives) employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2010
6. Data on the average number of FTE community midwifery positions employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2010
7. Data on spending/cost of maternity services per year, broken down by year since 2010 (NOT including building maintenance and upgrades, just staffing and the costs of actually running the services)
8. Data on the average number of FTE obstetrician positions/ average hours worked by obstetricians employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2010
9. Data on the number of code reds that have occurred at the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2010
10. Data on the number of code blacks that have occurred at the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2010
11. Data on the average number of beds within the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2010
12. Data on maternal deaths during or shortly before/after labour (within 7 days), broken down by year since 2010
13. Data on deaths of babies during or shortly before/after birth (within 7 days), broken down by year since 2010

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal

services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

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2. Data on the number of episiotomies conducted at the DHB since 2010, broken down by year
3. Data on the number of epidurals conducted at the DHB since 2010, broken down by year
4. Data on the number of births at DHB facilities, broken down by year, since 2010

		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Q1	Elective CS	538	551	596	625	615	566	663	666	657	674	724	655
Q1	Emergency CS	926	968	1132	1093	1076	1110	1120	1353	1425	1473	1715	1371
Q2	Episiotomies	728	618	587	652	800	751	861	852	1070	1122	1053	877
Q3	Epidurals	1524	1452	1589	1415	1537	1597	1764	1898	2012	2009	2155	1879
Q4	Births	8148	8125	8065	7380	7291	7308	7276	7383	7397	7527	7392	6368

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Please note, data from 2010 is not easily accessible before 2011 as a different system was used.

	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
	Core Midwives	Community midwives	Costs of Maternity Services	Number of Obstetricians
2010	-	-	-	-
2011	62.96	65.95	\$22,587,791	16.79
2012	67.79	71.58	\$23,486,696	17.29
2013	69.52	70.67	\$23,745,774	17.6
2014	69.79	65.64	\$23,826,509	16.6
2015	67.2	64.74	\$23,870,455	17.55
2016	58.16	63.93	\$24,440,799	19.71
2017	69	63.1	\$26,070,958	19.53
2018	72.38	65.58	\$28,646,114	17.42
2019	62.16	61.99	\$32,802,293	21.78
2020	63.28	59.39	\$36,349,289	22.39
2021	69.32	61.10	\$36,203,761	26.12

9. Data on the number of code reds that have occurred at the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2010
10. Data on the number of code blacks that have occurred at the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2010

This is not data that is routinely collected by CM Health. We have, therefore, determined to decline this element of your request under Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – the information requested does not exist.

11. Data on the average number of beds within the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2010

Please see the table below, data is only available from 2012. To obtain information prior to this will take a considerable amount of time to pull.

	B&A	Maty N	Maty S	WD 21	Botany Maty	Papakura Maty	Pukekohe Maty
2012	26	22	20	0	15	9	10
2013	26	22	20	0	15	9	10
2014	26	23	22	0	15	9	10
2015	26	23	22	0	15	9	10
2016	26	23	22	0	15	9	10
2017	26	23	22	0	15	9	10
2018	26	23	22	0	15	9	10
Jan-Jun 2019	26	23	22	0	15	9	10
Jul-19	26	23	10	12	15	9	10
Aug-19	26	23	12	12	15	9	10
Sep-19	26	23	16	12	15	9	10
Oct-Dec 2019	26	23	20	16	15	9	10
Jan-Mar 2020	26	23	22	20	15	9	10
Apr-Dec 2020	26	23	22	22	15	9	10
2021	26	23	22	22	15	9	10

12. Data on maternal deaths during or shortly before/after labour (within 7 days), broken down by year since 2010

The number of deaths since 2010 is ≤3. We have withheld the exact number individually by year under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. We have considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to protect the privacy of individuals and have determined that it does not.

13. Data on deaths of babies during or shortly before/after birth (within 7 days), broken down by year since 2010

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Q13	NND	35	38	39	43	28	18	33	23	24	40	28	25

NB: the majority of these deaths occur within the first 24 hours after birth.

I trust this information answers your request. 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



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