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**Re: Official Information Act request – Foetal deaths from measles**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 2 October 2019 to the MoH and transferred from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 7 October 2019 requesting the following information.

I am after some information further to the media reports regarding the two foetal deaths which has been stated as “potentially related to measles”.

**Are you able to provide me with the following information:**

**1. Is it confirmed that one or both mothers had measles?**

Yes

**2. If yes, which strain of measles was it?**

One patient had genotyping and the other did not. The genotyping that was completed for the one case revealed B3.

**3. Please define “maternal measles” and explain why this is not included in the official measles count”**

Maternal measles is a confirmed case of measles in a mother. Medical opinion was that the foetal losses possibly related to maternal measles. However, they were not ‘measles cases’ as neither met the definition of a ‘measles case’. They were therefore not notified.

**4. How far along in gestation was each woman?**

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**5. Which pregnancy vaccinations had each woman received and on what dates?**

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- 6. What are the details on how the women were medically treated in hospital?**
- 6. Had either woman experience previous foetal losses? If so how many?**
- 6. What was the date of each foetal death?**

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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](http://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 faithfully



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**Chief Executive**