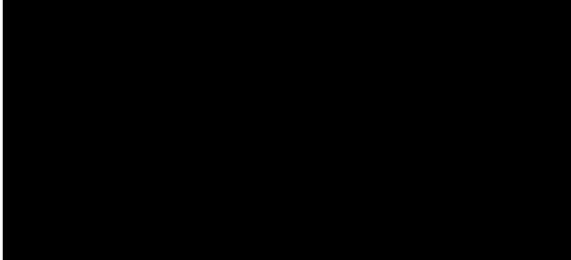


16 July 2021



**Re: Official Information Act request – Number of babies born alive in medical abortions within the period 1 January – 17 June 2021**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 18 June 2021 requesting the following information:

**I wish to request under the Official Information Act the following information:-**

- 1. The number of babies born alive in medical abortions in your facilities within the period 1 January to 17 June 2021.**

None

- 2. The number of babies born alive within this period who received appropriate palliative care.**

The thousands of babies born alive within this period all received appropriate care.

- 3. Does your Board believe that there is a legal requirement to provide palliative care to babies born alive?**

Any baby born alive would be managed in accordance with the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights.

**Right to Life is aware that babies are born alive in late term abortions and that some babies have been denied appropriate palliative care.**

**We believe that every unborn child has an inalienable right to life that should be respected and protected.**

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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