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Re: Official Information Act request – Fetal deaths reported and vaccination status
ADHB Ref: 20211207-1113

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 7 December 2021 requesting the following information:

1. Number of fetal deaths reported to the ADHB each calendar month from January 2020 to November 2021 (or October if November isn't yet available)
2. Vaccination status of the mother at the date of the child's death

Response

1. Number of fetal deaths reported to the ADHB each calendar month from January 2020 to November 2021 (or October if November isn't yet available)

No. of stillbirth month	Year	
	2020	2021
Jan	3	4
Feb	4	2
Mar	5	5
Apr	5	5
May	9	4
Jun	7	3
Jul	9	6
Aug	5	5
Sep	7	4
Oct	3	6
Nov	5	5
Dec	5	N/A
Grand Total	67	49

2. Vaccination status of the mother at the date of the child's death

Information about vaccination status at the time of birth was not collected as it was not directly available or relevant until the programme was full operational in mid-2021 and vaccines became more widely available. While this information was available from that point, to establish in each case the exact status of the mother would require us to establish the name of the deceased's mother and then review her individual record, in particular her vaccination status. We decline to undertake this task as it would require substantial collation and research. We are thus declining this part of your request under s18(f) Official Information Act. It would also be inconsistent with the undertaking to patients as to privacy and use of vaccination information given when collecting this information from individuals. We also rely on s9(2)(a),(ba) and (c) Official Information Act in declining this part of 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 response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely



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