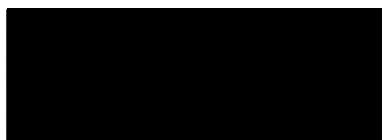


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Dear 

Re: OIA request – Births during coronavirus lockdown

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 14 May 2020 seeking information about the number of births at Waitematā DHB hospitals from 25 March to 27 April 2020, compared to the same period the previous year.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 different locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we can provide the following information.

The number of births at North Shore and Waitakere hospitals by date and sex for the period March 25 – April 27 2020 inclusive and

The number of births at North Shore and Waitakere hospitals by date and sex for the period March 25 – April 27 2019 inclusive.

Date	2019				2020			
	North Shore		Waitakere		North Shore		Waitakere	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
25-Mar	5	9	2	2	5	4	2	2
26-Mar	11	6	4	4	4	7	1	6
27-Mar	3	6	7	6	7	8	6	4
28-Mar	7	8	6	3	6	4	3	2
29-Mar	11	5	10	1	5	5	4	1
30-Mar	7	2	2	1	4	11	5	1
31-Mar	2	4	1	3	6	4	3	4
01-Apr	6	7	5	7	4	8	0	1
02-Apr	10	4	6	4	2	5	5	3

	2019				2020			
03-Apr	7	3	7	1	12	11	9	2
04-Apr	2	11	5	7	4	3	5	5
05-Apr	9	5	6	8	3	5	2	6
06-Apr	9	5	2	8	8	5	3	3
07-Apr	2	3	4	4	7	6	2	2
08-Apr	3	12	3	4	4	5	5	7
09-Apr	12	6	6	2	10	4	0	1
10-Apr	6	2	5	3	1	6	3	4
11-Apr	8	8	2	5	3	1	5	4
12-Apr	7	6	5	5	5	5	2	4
13-Apr	6	4	1	4	4	7	3	4
14-Apr	5	6	5	3	3	6	5	4
15-Apr	5	8	3	2	8	3	1	2
16-Apr	9	3	2	2	2	3	9	0
17-Apr	9	5	3	3	6	8	3	5
18-Apr	4	7	2	5	6	1	6	3
19-Apr	6	5	0	5	7	3	5	3
20-Apr	5	5	3	2	4	5	9	3
21-Apr	1	6	7	2	9	7	2	6
22-Apr	6	3	1	7	7	3	1	2
23-Apr	6	6	1	2	6	4	6	2
24-Apr	6	6	1	6	5	5	4	6
25-Apr	7	4	2	2	2	0	1	4
26-Apr	9	7	1	3	3	4	3	4
27-Apr	4	8	6	3	8	6	5	4

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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