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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act request - Pregnancy and perinatal data [HNZ1809]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 4 July seeking information from the former Waitemātā District Health Board (DHB) about pregnancy and perinatal data.

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

Waitemātā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing health districts in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA), for the first six months of 2022:

- **the number of miscarriages recorded**
- **the number of ectopic pregnancies**
- **the number of molar pregnancies per**
- **the number of live births**
- **the number of perinatal deaths and neonatal deaths.**

The following information is for women who present to either North Shore or Waitakere hospitals. Some miscarriages may occur in the community, supervised in primary care. The data for these events is not included in the hospital data provided below.

We urge caution in comparing the six-months' worth of data provided below to previous OIA responses on this subject. This is because we have previously provided full 12-month datasets and the six months' worth provided below does not factor in changes and fluctuations that can occur across a 12-month timeframe.

Waitemata DHB hospitals' pregnancy and perinatal data Jan-June 2022	
Events	Number
Miscarriages	260
Ectopic pregnancies	93
Molar pregnancies	12
Live births	3383
Perinatal and neonatal deaths	40

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā 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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