Thursday, 4 June 2020

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Re: Official Information Act Request - Births at Hauora Tairāwhiti facilities during the COVID-19 lockdown

Kia ora [redacted]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

You asked:

> *I wish to receive information relating to the number of births at Hauora Tairāwhiti facilities and home births during the nationwide coronavirus lockdown from March 25 to April 27.*
>
> *Can this information be broken down by location: at Gisborne Hospital, other Hauora Tairāwhiti facilities, or a home birth, and by date and sex.*
>
> *Can figures also be provided for the same period in 2019.*

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:

> For a breakdown of births by sex and date at Gisborne Hospital during the requested period, please refer to the data sheet attached in this email.
>
> As Lead Maternity Carer (LMC) midwives in Tairāwhiti are not obligated to disclose the details of home births they attend to in Te Tairāwhiti, a complete record of home births for the period is unable to be provided.

Total births at Gisborne Hospital 25.03.19 – 27.04.19	86
Females	41
Males	45
Total births at Gisborne Hospital 25.03.20 – 27.04.20	68
Females	35
Males	33

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi

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