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Dear Amy

Official Information Act Request - OIA 13223 Age of Mothers

On 5 November 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I am writing to request data on the age of mothers who gave birth in DHB facilities between 2017 and this year.

Can you please provide the age of the youngest and oldest woman to give birth in each of 2017, 2018, 2019 and so far this year?

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

Can you please provide the age of the youngest and oldest woman to give birth in each of 2017, 2018, 2019 and so far this year?

The available data begins in February 2018 when WebPAS went live. Prior to this we would be required to do an extensive and time consuming manual check of the records.

Year	Age of youngest birthing mother(s)	Age of oldest birthing mother(s)
2018 (1 Feb to 30 Dec)	14 (x2)	43 (x 2)
2019 (1 Jan to 30 Dec)	15	45
2020 (1 Jan to 17 Nov)	14 (x 2)	45

- Data is sourced from the ICD10 coding following discharge and as such coding for October/November discharges may not be complete at this time.
- The figures include both live and still births.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

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