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### Official Information Act Request – OIA 13880 re Maternity Services

On 27 October 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. Data on the raw number of caesarean sections conducted at the DHB broken down like this:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Planned							
Emergency							

2. Data on the number of episiotomies conducted at the DHB since 2015, broken down by year
3. Data on the number of epidurals conducted at the DHB since 2015, broken down by year
4. Data on the number of births at DHB facilities, broken down by year, since 2015
5. Data on the average number of FTE core midwifery positions (NOT community midwives) employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2015
6. Data on the average number of FTE community midwifery positions employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2015
7. Data on spending/cost of maternity services per year, broken down by year since 2015 (NOT including building maintenance and upgrades, just staffing and the costs of actually running the services)
8. Data on the average number of beds within the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2015

### Whanganui District Health Boards response:

1. **Data on the raw number of caesarean sections conducted at the DHB broken down like this:**

C-Sections	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Elective	72	75	84	65	84	67	57	61	70	78	85	89	84	70
Emergency	91	104	97	83	83	66	77	76	82	82	91	89	101	63
Total	163	179	181	148	167	133	134	137	152	160	176	178	185	133

2. **Data on the number of episiotomies conducted at the DHB since 2015, broken down by year**

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
46	36	46	29	28	39	24	24	31	29	32	38	35	26

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**3. Data on the number of epidurals conducted at the DHB since 2015, broken down by year**

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
134	136	140	121	100	104	104	91	113	117	109	117	143	93

**4. Data on the number of births at DHB facilities, broken down by year, since 2015.**

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
915	928	897	829	874	827	819	815	800	844	811	865	821	601

**5. Data on the average number of FTE core midwifery positions (NOT community midwives) employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2015**

R/C	Average actual FTE						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Maternity RC5191</b>	16.19	16.02	16.63	16.64	16.63	17.07	15.51

**6. Data on the average number of FTE community midwifery positions employed at the DHB per year, broken down by year since 2015**

R/C	Average actual FTE						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Waimarino Maternity Services RC5775</b>	nil	nil	nil	2.15	1.57	2.13	1.06

**7. Data on spending/cost of maternity services per year, broken down by year since 2015 (NOT including building maintenance and upgrades, just staffing and the costs of actually running the services)**

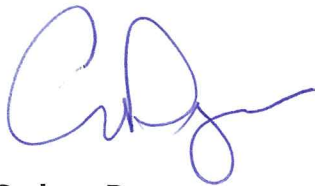
R/C	Actual cost( salaries/clinical supplies) No overhead costs included						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Maternity RC5191</b>	\$1,849,502	\$1,960,286	\$2,043,424	\$2,068,799	\$2,102	\$2,307,237	\$2,310,481
<b>Waimarino Maternity Services RC5775</b>	nil	nil	nil	\$101,001	\$167,049	\$255,440	\$219,170

**8. Data on the average number of beds within the DHB maternity unit/birthing unit/maternity service per year, broken down by year since 2015**

YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Delivery Suite	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Ante/Post natal beds	11	11	11	11	11	11	11

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

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**Graham Dyer**

Kaihautū Hauora – Acting Chief Executive  
Whanganui District Health Board