



24 November 2021

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Dear [Redacted]

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about foetal and neonatal deaths.

*Would you please supply the total of 'Medical Certificate of Causes of Fetal and Neonatal Death' forms that have been filled out, per month, since June 2020 to date in your District Health Board area. (Ministry of Health web page reference:*

*<https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fbit.ly%2f3mGoO1q&umid=b6bee2e3-47ee-49ae-b9c5-e524e473b72a&auth=33daf4ba0a26549707f81ea1cfa75d4b0b8ff8df-5a6cef172b38caa174a8d5039b2f9ade5ca0ce5c> )*

*Please separate into Fetal Deaths and Neonatal Deaths per month. If permissible please advise the cause of death.*

Northland DHB's data is listed in the table below. These are for deaths that occurred within our facilities. National information about perinatal mortality is publicly available via the National Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee (PMMRC) report <https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/mrc/pmmrc/publications-and-resources/publication/4210/> .

Northland DHB does not maintain an electronic database that records individual neonatal or foetal causes of death.

	Neonatal Death	Stillborn/Intra Uterine Death Antepartum	Stillborn/Intra Uterine Death Intrapartum
June 20	0	0	0
July 20	0	0	0
August 20	0	3	0
September 20	1	3	0
October 20	0	2	0
November 20	0	1	0
December 20	0	1	0
January 21	1	4	0
February 21	1	6	0
March 21	1	3	0
April 21	0	2	0
May 21	0	0	0
June 21	2	3	0
July 21	0	1	1
August 21	1	2	0
September 21	1	3	0
October 21	0	2	0

Northland DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist public understanding of how we deliver our services. This includes proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been provided to you. Personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be publicly available we will consider your views.

If you have any queries relating to Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Chamberlain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**