



19 November 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about maternity services in Northland.

By month and since November 1 2019, the number of women booked with a hospital-based midwife/service.

The number of women booking with a Northland DHB employed midwife as the lead maternity carer (LMC) is listed below. Bookings are based on the estimated date of delivery not the date the booking was made.

	2019	2020	2021
January	-	54	39
February	-	33	20
March	-	29	22
April	-	18	18
May	-	31	17
June	-	23	-
July	-	17	-
August	-	18	-
September	-	24	-
October	-	25	-
November	23	21	-
December	37	32	-

- If there is a breakdown of the above figure to show how many women were so booked because they couldn't find or book with a community midwife, can this please be provided.

This information is not captured outside of individual patient files. In order to provide the information each individual patient file would need to be reviewed. This would require substantial collation and research and I have therefore decided to decline this part of your request in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision.

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 questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at communications@northlanddhb.org.nz .

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