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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10739

I refer to your email dated 26 October 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many individuals in New Zealand had full open-heart surgery as a child (<16) and subsequently went on to become pregnant and give birth.**

Please note: We are only able to provide information as it relates to Canterbury DHB.

According to our records since 1997 we have had 21 females under the age of 16 receiving open heart surgery, and of those <=5 have gone on to give birth.

Please note that this data contains some anomalies;

- Patients would need to have received their surgery and given birth at Canterbury DHB facilities to enable us to cross-reference the information.
- While we have gone back to 1997 not all surgery patients may have reached child-bearing age and many will also currently be in child-bearing age.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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