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RE Official information request CDHB 10493

I refer to your letter dated 23 November 2020, and received 26 November, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding follow-up questions to our Official Information Act response to CDHB 10327. Specifically:

- **What is the maximum gestation accepted for an abortion at your facility?**

The maximum gestation is 22 weeks, unless there is a fetal abnormality or a significant maternal mental health concern.

- **What was the gestational age of the oldest unborn child terminated at your facility since 2010?**

The gestational age of the oldest unborn child terminated (since 2010) was 34 weeks, due to a fetal abnormality incompatible with life.

- **Why, in the rare event that a child is born alive in an abortion at your facility is it not provided with the care that is mandated by the Ministry of Health?**

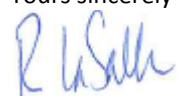
A baby born alive, following a termination, is treated with the utmost compassion and provided with care as per the Ministry of Health standards.

Please refer to the Ministry of Health's website for further information on the Interim Standards for Abortion Services: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/interim-standards-abortion-services-new-zealand>

I trust 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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