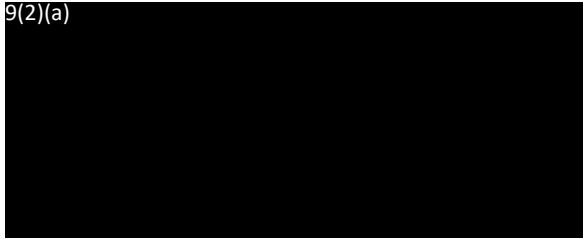


15 September 2022

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RE Official information request ChChD 10943 / HNZ 3115

I refer to your email dated 17 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Waitaha Canterbury. Specifically:

- **Since 2010, how many pregnancies in the district have been terminated after a scan for fetal anomalies/birth defects? Displayed by year.**

The Christchurch Gynaecology Procedure Unit at Christchurch Women's Hospital performs terminations for the Canterbury region and for West Coast residents where the pregnancy is more than 12 weeks and 1 day. The number of women who have had a surgical termination following a scan for fetal anomalies/birth defects since 2010 with a clinical code for:

- Maternal care for known or suspected fetal abnormality and damage or
- Maternal care for other known or suspected fetal problems.

Table one

Calendar year	Terminations
2010	50
2011	64
2012	55
2013	47
2014	45
2015	45
2016	52
2017	28
2018	48
2019	41
2020	46
2021	53
2022*	24

*as at 8/9/2022

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 Waitaha Canterbury website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rus', with a horizontal line underneath.

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