

# Canterbury

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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10150

I refer to your email dated 18 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- 1. Over the past five years (since January 2014), how many babies have been born under the care of Canterbury District Health Board to mothers dependent on illegal drugs?**

Over the past five years there have been 27 babies born to 26 mothers who were dependent on illegal drugs.

- 2. How many of those babies were uplifted by Oranga Tamariki?**

Five babies were uplifted to a carer

Four babies were discharged home with a parent under supervision of another relative

- 3. How many of those babies required a hospital stay of more than 7 days?**

- Eight babies stayed < seven days
- Eight babies stayed 7-14 days

- 4. How many of those babies required a hospital stay of more than 14 days?**

- Eleven babies stayed longer than 14 days

- 5. How many of those babies required medication as a result of withdrawal symptoms?**

- Three babies were medicated for withdrawal symptoms.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

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