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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10123

I refer to your email dated 12 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

I wish to request information on the current rates of:

- 1. Caesarean sections, in Canterbury (2018)**
- 2. Unplanned or emergency caesarean section, in Canterbury (2018)**

There were 1830 caesarean sections performed in 2018. There were 953 elective/planned and 877 unplanned or emergency caesarean sections.

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the details of unplanned or emergency caesarean sections in Canterbury during 2018.

Table one: Unplanned or emergency caesarean sections 2018

	Number
Emergency classical caesarean section	10
Emergency lower segment caesarean section	867

3. Total number of registered live births in Canterbury (2018)

Please refer to **Table two** (overleaf) for Canterbury DHB registered 'Live births' during 2018.

Table two: Registered 'Live births' in Canterbury 2018.

CDHB Live births	2018
Ashburton Maternity	123
Burwood Birthing Unit (Closed June 2016)	-
Christchurch Women's Hospital	5024
Darfield Hospital	1
Kaikoura Health Hub	9
Lincoln Maternity Hospital	167
Rangiora Health Hub	212
St George's Maternity (from Feb 2014)	457
Homebirths*	380
Grand Total	6373

* Canterbury's home birth rates have historically been difficult to capture. Prior to May 2017, home births were captured via the National Immunisation Register (NIR) meaning births where a parent opted their child out of the NIR were not included. From 1 May 2017 onwards homebirths in Canterbury were captured more accurately through the LinKids programme.

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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