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RE Official information request CDHB 10810

I refer to your email dated 1 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding abortions and terminations during 2021. Specifically:

- 1. The number of abortions that were performed pre 20 weeks and post 20 weeks at the Christchurch Women's Hospital and the Gynaecological Procedure Unit in 2021.**

In the calendar year 2021, there was a total of 1,530 pregnancy terminations performed at Christchurch Women's Hospital as inpatients and outpatients. The majority, 99% (1,513), of these occurred prior to 20 weeks' gestation and 1% (17) occurred post 20 weeks' gestation.

- 2. The number of medical and surgical abortions that were performed at the above facilities in 2021.**

Of the 1530 terminations mentioned above, 54% (821) were surgical procedures and 46% (709) were medical procedures.

- 3. The gestational age of the oldest unborn child aborted in your facilities in 2021**

The maximum gestational age of the oldest unborn foetus terminated at our facility in 2021 was 29 weeks due to foetal abnormality incompatible with life.

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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