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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10105

I refer to your email dated 1 May 2019 to the Ministry of Health and subsequently partially transferred to Canterbury DHB on 15 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act. I note that Question 3 will be responded to by the Ministry of Health.

- 1. Data on how many people received publicly funded fertility treatment broken down by the person's residency status (EG: citizen, permanent resident, work visa, Australian citizen), year and region between 2010 and 2018**

Thank you for your information request. Canterbury DHB does not hold information on residency status of patients who receive publicly funded tertiary infertility services but has sought information, and received the following from the service provider, Fertility Associates, for the Southern Region (i.e. Canterbury, Nelson-Marlborough, South Canterbury, West Coast and Southern DHBs) for 2018:

*We have always ensured that people enrolled for public treatment meet Ministry of Health residency requirements. The PMS was changed in 2017, and residency status is now a field available for analysis. The value in this field can be updated as residency status changes, so it is possible that some patients were enrolled for treatment while they were on a two year visa but were permanent residents by the time of treatment. Our PMS residency information does not differentiate citizens from permanent residents, but other information indicates that the citizen and resident category is comprised of about 70% citizens and 27% permanent residents. The following **Table** shows the distribution of treatments from January 2018 by residency status by lead DHB area (Southern Region).*

Table one:

2018	Southern Region
Australian	19
Citizen or resident	875
Visa 2+ years	23
TOTAL	917

Note: These are cycles, not patients, with some patients having more than one cycle in the year. They are also different from purchase units, since some treatment cycles have more than one purchase unit (eg. IVF plus Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) addition). The data excludes work which is not a treatment cycle, such as FSA, pre-cancer sperm freezing, sperm/egg/embryo storage, Preimplantation

genetic diagnosis (PGD) feasibility studies. The cycle dates pulled from the database are dates the cycle started, whereas for the National Non-Admitted Patient Collection (NN PAC) reports various dates are used depending on the treatment – egg collection for IVF, embryo transfer for a thaw, date a cycle was cancelled, etc.

- 2. Data on how much was spent per year on publicly funded fertility treatment for people who are non-residents (EG: people on two year work visas who qualify for public health care and Australian citizens), broken down by year and region between 2010 and 2018.**

There was \$136,466.16 spent on publicly funded fertility treatment for people who were non-residents (but who were eligible and qualified for public health care) for the Southern Region (i.e. Canterbury, Nelson-Marlborough, South Canterbury, West Coast and Southern DHBs) for 2018.

- 3. Information (including but not limited to memos, reports, letters, emails, meeting minutes, briefing notes, correspondence to the Minister) about non-residents (including people on two year work visas who qualify for public health care and Australian citizens) receiving publicly funded fertility treatment received by and published by the Ministry between January 2016 and April 2019. This includes both internal communications and communications with external parties."**

This question is being responded to by the Ministry of Health.

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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