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RE Official information request CDHB 10496

I refer to your email dated 25 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. Are you able to provide me with a figure showing how many Maori and Pacific Island women (both as a figure and a percentage) received publicly-funded fertility treatment through your DHB over the past two years please?

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the number of women who started publicly funded fertility treatment at Fertility Associates between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2020 and funded by Canterbury DHB.

Table one:

All	All known ethnicity	Maori	Pasifika
431	349	16	7
	100%	4.6%	2.0%

(Information provided by Fertility Associates)

2. If you could also provide a brief statement over the DHB's position on the above, and whether the DHB is doing anything to ensure women from these ethnic groups have access, that would be great.

Provision of fertility services is determined by the Assisted Reproductive Technology Services Specification and the Infertility CPAC tool (both available at <https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/service-specifications/current-service-specifications/specialist-surgical-service-specifications>). These are part of the Nationwide Service Framework set by the Ministry of Health.

The criteria for fertility treatment provided in the Southern region by Fertility Associates is guided by these national guidelines, the service specification and the CPAC tool, which include guidance on BMI for determining whether a woman meets the access criteria.

Here in Canterbury we have invested in a number of services provided in the community which help support people to become healthier and smokefree. These include:

For weight management support and dietary advice and personal fitness

- Active Canterbury - <https://www.activecanterbury.org.nz/>
- Green Prescriptions which is provided by Sports Canterbury - <https://www.activecanterbury.org.nz/being-active/support-programmes/green-prescription-programme/>
- Be Active Programme - <https://www.activecanterbury.org.nz/being-active/support-programmes/be-active-programme/>

To become smokefree

- Te Hā – Waitaha / Stop Smoking Canterbury - <https://www.stopsmokingcanterbury.org.nz/> which is our local one to one service run in conjunction with the national service.
- Quitline - <https://quit.org.nz/>

All of the above programmes are available to women, including our Māori and Pasifika women. This assists them to become healthy and smokefree and aids them in accessing fertility treatment.

I trust 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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