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RE Official information request CDHB 9954

We refer to your email dated 4 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. I note Question 2 was added into the request on 5 October 2018. I also note Question 1 was clarified on 11 October 2018.

1. **The average length of stay for women and their babies in your DHB birthing facilities for each of the years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to date.**
2. **The average length of inpatient post-natal stay for each woman birthing at your DHB, by hour, in 2017/18. Please provide separately for vaginal and non-vaginal births.**

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the average length of stay for women and their babies in the Canterbury DHB birthing facilities for the years requested and the average length of inpatient post-natal stay for each woman birthing at the Canterbury DHB facilities by hour in the same time period. We have provided this information separately for vaginal and non-vaginal births. **Please note** the babies would stay for the same length of time as their mothers unless they were moved to the neo-natal unit.

Table one:

Financial Year	(1) Avg Length of Stay in Birthing Facilities (hours)	(2) Avg Post Natal Stay for those Birthing in the CDHB (hours)	(3) Avg Post Natal Length of Stay Caesarean Birth (hours)	(4) Average Post Natal Length of Stay Non Caesarean Birth (hours)
2015/16	76	57	84	47
2016/17	73	55	82	44
2017/18	77	59	88	45
2018/19	76	66	85	53

NOTES: (overleaf)

- 1) Data includes any time women have spent in the Maternity ward, Delivery Suite, or primary birthing units. This includes antenatal inpatient admissions, induction preparation, and readmission time to the maternity ward. Time associated with birth but not part of the birth

event makes up on average three hours of the women's stay. It also includes the post-natal stay time.

- 2) The average time of post-natal stay anywhere in the Canterbury DHB from time of delivery to discharge time.
- 3) The average time a women spends in Christchurch Women's hospital and/or a primary birthing unit for post-natal care following a caesarean.
- 4) The average time a women spends in Christchurch Women's hospital and/or a primary birthing unit for post-natal care following a non-caesarean delivery.

Data does not include any time women transferring to the St Georges maternity facility may have spent there.

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 'Greg Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

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