

27 May 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020069

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 14 May 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

I wish to receive information relating to the number of births at Hawke's Bay District Health Board facilities and home births during the nationwide coronavirus lockdown from March 25 to April 27. Can this information be broken down by location: at Hawke's Bay Hospital, other HBDHB facilities, or a home birth, and by date and sex. Can figures also be provided for the same period in 2019.

Please find the information you have requested below for the periods requested March 25 – April 27 2019 and 2020 respectively.

Date Range Total	25 Mar – 27 Apr 2019 Total: 174 births		25 Mar – 27 Apr 2020 Total: 208 births	
Birth location	Male	Female	Male	Female
Ata Rangi (HB Hospital)	66	54	81	77
Waioha (HB Hospital)	22	17	-	-
Wairoa Hospital	2	5	3	8
Home birth	6	2	18	19
Birth in transit	-	-	2	

Note: Waioha is the primary maternity unit on the Hawke's Bay Hospital site; for the 2020 period in question this unit was repurposed as a maternity isolation ward for any suspect or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Please refer to the table in Appendix One which details the comparative number of births per day over these periods.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602. Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix One:

Day	Year	2019 Number of births	2020 Number of births
25 March		5	5
26 March		5	7
27 March		5	5
28 March		8	6
29 March		5	3
30 March		2	6
31 March		4	5
1 April		6	6
2 April		2	11
3 April		3	4
4 April		4	7
5 April		9	4
6 April		7	9
7 April		5	8
8 April		4	8
9 April		3	9
10 April		10	6
11 April		6	2
12 April		12	5
13 April		3	6
14 April		6	8
15 April		5	8
16 April		10	4
17 April		4	10
18 April		5	4
19 April		3	2
20 April		7	5
21 April		6	4
22 April		2	12
23 April		3	7
24 April		6	5
25 April		1	7
26 April		3	6
27 April		5	4