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Re Official Information Request for Fetal and Neonatal Morbidity Data

I refer to your official information request dated 18 November 2021 for the following information:

Would you please supply the total of 'Medical Certificate of Causes of Fetal and Neonatal Death' forms that have been filled out, per month, since June 2020 to date in your District Health Board area.

(Ministry of Health web page reference: <https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fbit.ly%2f3mGoO1g&umid=dc111874-445b-4704-81a1-7814c91b298a&auth=77d08566e2aca54990ea4fad5bb6ae193ce6dd74-96506f5ed4be33a4aa401781ff1e6e86ff8ada82>)

Please separate into Fetal Deaths and Neonatal Deaths per month. If permissible please advise the cause of death

Response

The information for stillbirth and neonatal death from June – November 2021 is attached in the table below.

Stillbirth and neonatal death Jun - Nov 2021 by month:

No of Baby	Month						Grand Total
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Perinatal mortality							
Live / NND	6	4	2	4	4		20
Still birth >=20 weeks	3	6	5	4	6	5	29
Grand Total	9	10	7	8	10	5	49

We have not included the cause of death or the forms you have requested for these cases as we believe that withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons under s 9(2) of the Official Information Act.

Further information regarding perinatal deaths is provided by us in confidence to the National Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee within the Health Quality and Safety

Commission. The publicly available information is available here: <https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/mrc/pmmrc/>

I trust this information answers your questions.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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