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**Re Official Information Request for length of stay for woman and baby in birthing facility**

I refer to your official information request of 9 October 2018 clarifying your original request of 4 October 2018 for the following information:

1. *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*
2. *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*

The average hours for inpatient post natal stay for 2017 and 2018 are:

Vaginal births -29.5 hours  
Non-vaginal births - 77.4 hours

Note these are hours women stayed at the National Women's tertiary hospital or other places within Auckland DHB after delivery.

Birthcare is a separate birthing facility and we do not hold information about the average length of stay.

Information covering the length of stay and other maternity data for Auckland DHB Women's Health can be found in the National Women's Annual Clinical report  
<http://nationalwomenshealth.adhb.govt.nz/health-professionals/annual-clinical-report/yearly-annual-clinical-reports>

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act section 28(3) to seek a review of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 faithfully



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Chief Executive