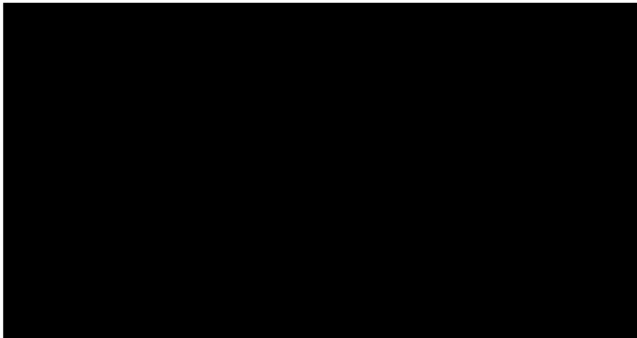




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**Re: Official Information Act request – Abortion services**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 April 2021 requesting the following information:

**I wish to request under the Official Information Act the following information:-**

- **A copy of any letter from the Ministry of Health directing or encouraging your Board to initiate a Registration of Interest [ROI] inviting interested providers to provide abortion services in the wider Auckland region.**

The Ministry of Health did not send the DHB a letter directing or encouraging the Board to initiate a ROI hence no letter to this effect is attached.

- **Does the one day service required of providers include the abortion in addition to counselling, scanning, tests and provision of LARCs?**

A woman has a choice whether her abortion is provided the same day or offered at a future date. A LARC may be inserted on the same day as the abortion or arranged at a future date.

- **If the abortion is included in the one day service does that mean that if it is to be a surgical abortion that a booking is to be made before the woman has received counselling?**

No, she may decide to undergo an early medical or surgical abortion or not to proceed at all.

- Will providers be required to provide women seeking an abortion with printed material containing information about the development of an unborn child, alternatives such as adoption and parenting and information concerning potential immediate and long term complications?

The principle set out regarding abortion services is that informed consent must be obtained prior to an abortion. Informed consent requires health professionals to communicate relevant information in an appropriate manner.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. 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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