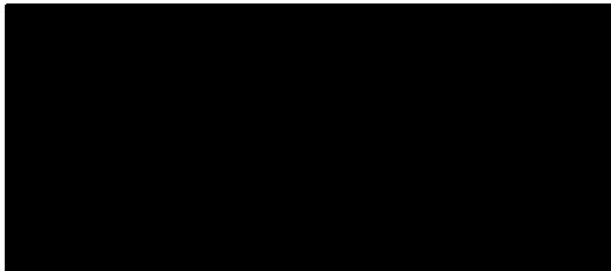


14 May 2021



**Re: Official Information Act request – Birth care contract**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 22 April 2021 requesting the following information:

**I would like to please be sent information regarding any agreement or contract between ADHB and Birthcare.**

- 1. Confirmation that women admitted to a Birthcare facility either to birth or for a postnatal stay following a hospital birth at Middlemore are paid for by CMDHB and then reimbursed to CMDHB by ADHB**

Women admitted to Birthcare for birth or postnatal stay are paid for by Auckland DHB. Mechanisms exist for CMDHB to reimburse Auckland DHB for the cost.

- 2. The start date and title of the first contract or agreement between ADHB and Birthcare**

Auckland DHB's current contract with Birthcare Auckland Limited commenced on 1 July 2009.

- 3. Which Birthcare facilities are included in the contract/agreement**

Only the Birthcare Auckland facility in Titoki Street, Parnell is included in the contract.

- 4. Whether the agreement is for DHB funding to be transferred to Birthcare for women using the Birthcare facility/facilities**

The contract held with Birthcare Auckland Limited is for a fee to be paid to Birthcare Auckland Limited by Auckland DHB for services provided.

- 5. The date that ADHB agreed to reimburse CMDHB for women in the CMDHB region using Birthcare facilities**

Auckland DHB do not reimburse CMDHB for women in the CMDHB region using Birthcare facilities.

**6. Whether ADHB has the same or similar agreement with any other DHBs, and if so which one/s**

Any women that have their babies at Birthcare Auckland will be paid for by Auckland DHB, regardless of the DHB of domicile of the woman. Similarly, women who have their babies at Auckland City Hospital may be transferred to Birthcare for a postnatal stay, this will be paid for by Auckland DHB regardless of the DHB of domicile. As in answer to question 1, mechanisms for the DHBs to reimburse one another are in place.

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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