

8 February 2022

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Re: Official Information Act request – Male Fertility - ADHB Ref: 20220111-1133

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 11 January 2022 requesting the following information:

- 1. The number of women who have been denied publicly funded fertility treatment in the last 5 years because their male partner was over the BMI requirement? Could this please be broken down by year?**
- 2. The number of women who have been denied publicly funded fertility treatment in the last 5 years because their male partner was over the Age requirement? Could this please be broken down by year?**
- 3. Is it common for women in Auckland to be denied fertility treatment based on their male partners age or BMI?**

The information sought in this request is intended for use in a news article about the male's role in fertility treatment across the country.

Response

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In order to be eligible for publicly funded fertility treatment, individuals or couples will be scored against a Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) system, which takes into account the

factors set out on our website at <https://nationalwomenshealth.adhb.govt.nz/our-services/fertility/public-funding/>

There are other eligibility criteria which, alongside BMI considerations, include smoking status, no evidence of drug or alcohol abuse and number of children. These must be met before and during the course of treatment.

We do not collect the data for the age and BMI criteria that you have requested under these three Official Information Act questions. We must therefore refuse your request on the basis that the information requested is not held by this agency. We do so citing s18 (e) of the Official Information Act.

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 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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Chief Executive