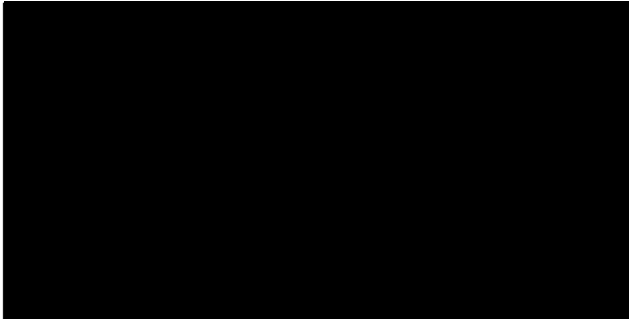


17 October 2019



Re: Official Information Act request – Foetal deaths from measles

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 2 October 2019 to the MoH and transferred from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 7 October 2019 requesting the following information.

The information requested relates to the foetal deaths reported as happening with mothers with maternal measles in the news today (NZ Herald live stream press conference).

- 1. The reports refer to the fact the mothers had maternal measles but that these cases were not recorded as reported cases. Why not?**

The confirmed cases of maternal measles were notified as per usual processes. Medical opinion was that these foetal losses possibly related to maternal measles. However, they were not 'measles cases' as neither met the definition of a 'measles case'. They were therefore not notified.

- 2. Please provide the details on the gestation of the pregnancies.**

This information is withheld pursuant to s9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

- 3. Please provide detail of the medical treatment given to these mothers in hospital and prior to admission INCLUDING detail of the date of the last pregnancy vaccine received.**

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4. Please confirm that the mother and babies were tested in order to confirm that the deaths were actually from measles and what type of measles virus was detected.

One patient had genotyping and the other did not. The genotyping that was completed for the one case revealed B3.

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 faithfully



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Chief Executive