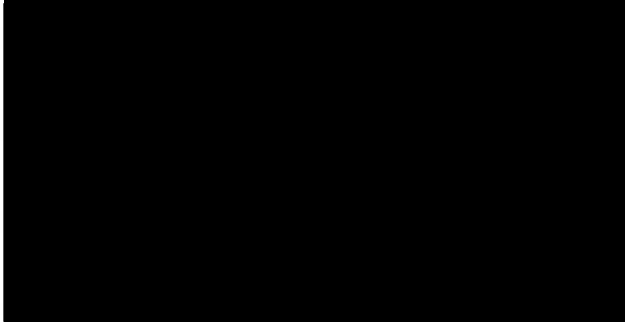


1 April 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Fertility treatment

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 23 March 2021 requesting the following information:

1. The number of people 'Social Egg freezing' over the past 5 years, divided into years.

As background, Fertility PLUS offers both public and private fertility consultations and treatment. The eligibility criteria for publicly funded fertility treatment are in line with national guidance set by the Ministry of Health.

We use the term "elective" egg freezing and over the past 5 years we have had 5 patients undergo elective egg freezing. Given these low numbers, there is a risk of our patients being identifiable and so we are unable to provide you with a breakdown by year to protect their privacy (section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act).

2. The growth in our wait lists for donor sperm. E.g. the number of women on the wait list for the past five years, split up into year and also a comparison of the wait time 5 years ago, and the wait time now

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15	18	27	38	40

Prior to 2016 the wait time for donor sperm was on average one year, now it is on average 18 months.

3. The average age of women seeking social egg freezing.

Average age of women seeking elective egg freezing was 36.2 years

4. The average age of women on the wait list for a sperm donor.

The average age of women on wait list for donor sperm is 37.5 years.

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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