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Tēnā koe Jenny

Official information request HN200012825

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of for information relating to terminations of pregnancy. Specifically:

- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital up to 8 weeks in gestation?*
- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 9-11weeks gestation?*
- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 13-16 weeks gestation?*
- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 17 to 20 weeks gestation?*
- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 21 to 25 weeks gestation?*
- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 25 to 30 weeks gestation?*
- *In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital at 31weeks gestation and beyond?*
- *How many of the total abortions in 2022 were 'medical' abortions and how many were 'surgical abortions?'*
- *In 2022, How many women were referred to other abortion services for late term abortions (not offered at Rotorua Hospital)?*
- *In 2022, How many of the total abortions in Rotorua were administered outside the hospital setting? (e.g by telehealth or midwife)*
- *In previous OIA requests, Lakes DHB informed me that some remains of aborted babies are cremated then scattered on a memorial garden. Where is this garden located?*

Response

1. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital up to 8 weeks in gestation?

767 terminations were carried out at Rotorua Hospital up to 13 weeks' gestation. Data separating to less than 8 weeks only is not collected.

2. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 9 - 11 weeks' gestation?

767 terminations were carried out at Rotorua Hospital up to 13 weeks' gestation. Data for 9 - 11 weeks is not collected separately.

3. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 13 - 16 weeks' gestation?

17 terminations were carried out at Rotorua Hospital from 14-19 weeks gestation. Lakes are unable to provide the data in the gestation period requested.

4. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 17 to 20 weeks' gestation?

17 terminations were carried out at Rotorua Hospital from 14-19 weeks' gestation. Lakes is unable to provide the data in the gestation period requested.

5. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 21 to 25 weeks' gestation?

1 termination was carried out at Rotorua Hospital with gestational period between 20-25 weeks.

6. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital between 25 to 30 weeks' gestation?

No terminations were carried out at Rotorua Hospital with a gestational period over 25 weeks.

7. In 2022, How many abortions were performed at Rotorua Hospital at 31 weeks' gestation and beyond?

No terminations were carried out at Rotorua Hospital with a gestational period over 25 weeks.

8. How many of the total abortions in 2022 were 'medical' abortions and how many were 'surgical abortions?'

Medical Terminations	210
Surgical Terminations	578

9. In 2022, How many women were referred to other abortion services for late term abortions (not offered at Rotorua Hospital)?

This coded data can be identified at the hospital of service, however when reviewing the National data for Lakes TOP Inter district flows (IDF) outflows to other facilities, three were found in this date range and all were between 5-19 weeks gestation.

10. In 2022, How many of the total abortions in Rotorua were administered outside the hospital setting? (e.g by telehealth or midwife)

All were administered onsite and in person.

11. In previous OIA requests, Lakes DHB informed me that some remains of aborted babies are cremated then scattered on a memorial garden. Where is this garden located?

Te Whatu Ora Lakes declines release of this information pursuant to clause 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.



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Nāku iti noa, nā



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