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Dear Ms Whitlock

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 5 April 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

1. Why has the Ministry of Health failed to provide teen parent centred antenatal classes (pregnancy and parenting education and information) to young pregnant teens within the Waitemata DHB area? Over the last 2 years, I have seen a steady rise of teen parent mums and dads who have been involved with Oranga Tamariki declare and say that they had not attended antenatal classes. A key rationale behind this, is that no specific teen parent centred ante-natal programme is offered. The lack of accountability from MOH and WDHB has shown a delay in registering with a PHO or GP service, a lack of understanding on the changes of pregnancy upon the teen mum and the pepi.
2. Can you please provide information regarding the number of teen parents who have registered with a GP?
3. How many teen parents have been offered and accepted or declined an antenatal course?
4. What funding has been allocated to delivering to teen parents antenatal courses with WDHB from 2015-2017?
5. What are the outcomes and feedback provided by teen parents upon completion of the antenatal course?

The information relating to questions one and two of this request is itemised below. Some of the information you request is already in the public domain. This information is available on the Ministry of Health website and links have been provided where applicable.

Request	Response
1. Why has the Ministry of Health failed to provide teen parent centred antenatal classes (pregnancy and parenting education and information) to young pregnant teens within the Waitemata DHB area?	The responsibility to provide fully funded antenatal classes is devolved to DHBs. The <i>Pregnancy and Parenting Information and Education Service Specification</i> (link provided below) states that all DHBs must make available fully funded education services for all parents. There is a particular focus on meeting the needs of first time parents and groups with high needs, such as young or teenage parents, Māori, Pacifica peoples, Asian parents, and parents with limited comprehension of the English language. <a href="https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/service-">https://nsfl.health.govt.nz/service-</a>

	<a href="#">specifications/current-service-specifications/maternity-service-specifications.</a>
2. Can you please provide information regarding the number of teen parents who have registered with a GP?	<p>Based on the <i>2015 Report on Maternity</i> (link provided below) 179 women registered with a GP nationally, and none of those women were under 20 years of age in Waitemata DHB. This low number of women recorded as having registered with a GP is due to that fact that 93.6 percent of women receive their maternity care from an LMC midwife. Data for 2016 and 2017 data is not yet available.</p> <p><a href="https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/report-maternity-2015">https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/report-maternity-2015</a></p>

In respect of questions three through to five, the Ministry does not hold the information requested. This will be held by the DHB concerned. In my view, it would have been necessary under section 14 of the Official Information Act to transfer your request to Waitemata DHB for response. However I understand that you have recently made a similar request for information to Waitemata DHB and therefore I have not transferred it. If you require any further information in response to these particular questions, I would encourage you to engage directly with Waitemata DHB.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decisions.

Yours sincerely



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