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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 9828

I refer to your email dated 10 April 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- 1. The current number of fetal medicine specialists currently employed by the DHB, and the number of vacant positions to be filled.**
- 2. The ideal number of fetal medicine specialists the DHB would like to have on staff.**

There are currently no Fetal Medicine Specialists employed by the Canterbury DHB and no vacant positions to be filled. We have a Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) team which includes four SMOs (Senior Medical Officer) and a small team of midwives with a particular interest in MFM. One SMO has the Diploma in Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU) qualification and many years of maternal fetal medicine experience.

- 3. A copy of all briefings, reports, memos, or meeting notes produced by the DHB and the NZ Maternal Fetal Medicine Network between 1 January 2015 and 10 April 2018 about previous/current/future staff shortages in the fetal medicine area.**

A summary from the May 2017 Maternal Fetal Medicine national meeting is as below:

- As a standing item the Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) meeting reviews current and potential MFM trainees and specialists.
- New Zealand attempts to put forward an MFM specialist for the interview panels for the potential MFM sub-specialist trainees (not one present in 2017 although no applicants from New Zealand).
- An action point from the meeting was to put forward three of the New Zealand MFM specialists who would be happy to be contacted for advice / discussion by potential trainees (this was advertised in PENSIVE the RANZCOG trainee newsletter).

Please note: This is all the information our clinicians could provide for the dates requested regarding previous/current/future staff shortages in the MFM area. These minutes have been summarised under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act as they contain discussion about individuals.

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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