

6 August 2019

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request W19-364.

I refer to your official information request dated 23 July 2019.

Request:

1. Over the past five years (since January 2014), how many babies have been born under the care of Wairarapa District Health to mothers dependent on illegal drugs?
2. How many of those babies were uplifted by Oranga Tamariki?
3. How many of those babies required a hospital stay of more than 7 days?
4. How many of those babies required a hospital stay of more than 14 days?
5. How many of those babies required medication as a result of withdrawal symptoms?

Response:

The information you have requested is below.

1. We do not capture the data to answer this question.
2. Please refer your question to Oranga Tamariki.
3. We would need the information from Oranga Tamariki before we could investigate each case and answer this question.
4. We would need the information from Oranga Tamariki before we could investigate each case and answer this question.
5. We do not capture the data to answer your question, however last year we provided an OIA response that covers some of what you seek and may be of interest. The response is published on our website [HERE](#). Please note that the table does not distinguish between illicit and non-illicit drugs, nor does it bear any relation to Oranga Tamariki activity. Instead, the table provides numbers of babies per year that have required drug withdrawal management in SCBU.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely



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