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Dear Ms Drysdale

Thank you for your email that was transferred on 14 December 2015 from the Ministry of Health, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding pregnancies in under 25 year olds at Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB).

You have specifically requested:

- The number of pregnant women under the age of 25 presented to HVDHB each year between 2010 and 2015.
- The proportional ethnicity data in relation to this total.
- The number of pregnant women that presented with a history of Child Youth and Family involvement during their childhood or were identified at presentation or during care provision as having “vulnerable pregnancies”, and/or gave birth to children who presented to hospital emergency or paediatric department and were subsequently flagged as vulnerable, therefore requiring external support or intervention, or CYFS overview before the age of one.

Our response is outlined below:

Pregnant women under 25 presenting to the Hutt Valley DHB Calendar Years 2010-2015

Age Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Under 16 years	6	2	3	1	1	2
16 to 19 years	148	138	112	110	97	71
20 to 24 years	408	329	373	339	308	135
Totals	562	469	488	450	406	198

Proportional ethnicity data by calendar year 2010 – 2015

Ethnic Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Asian	12	9	9	9	6	4
European	254	197	205	192	177	77
Indian	7	4	5	7	7	1

Maori	202	193	206	171	162	85
Not Stated	2	1	2	1	1	1
Other	5	7	6	7	7	3
Pacific	80	58	55	63	46	27
Totals	562	469	488	450	406	198

Percentage

Ethnic Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Asian	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
European	45%	42%	42%	43%	44%	39%
Indian	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Maori	36%	41%	42%	38%	40%	43%
Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Pacific	14%	12%	11%	14%	11%	14%

Electronic data from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 shows a total of 29 women under the age of 25 years were identified as vulnerable during pregnancy. This cohort represents 60% of the total number of 49 women identified as vulnerable during their pregnancy in this period.

Of those 29 women the ethnicity proportion was:

NZ Euro (21%)

Maori (76%)

Pacific (3%)

Electronic data from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 shows a total of 53 women under the age of 25 years were identified as vulnerable during pregnancy. This cohort represents 60 % of the total number of 89 women identified as vulnerable during their pregnancy in this period.

Of those 53 women the ethnicity proportion was:

NZ Euro (23%)

Maori (70%)

Pacific (4%)

Other (4%)

We do not routinely ask or record for all pregnant women aged under 25 years if they had history with Child Youth and Family as a child.

HVDHB did not collect data prior to 1 January 2014 in an easily retrievable form, and to do so we would have to read every file manually.

You have a right to seek a review, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ashley Bloomfield', written in a cursive style.

Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Chief Executive
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