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RE Official information request WCDHB 9222

We refer to your email dated 4 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. I note Question 2 was added into the request on 5 October 2018. I also note Question 1 was clarified on 11 October 2018.

- 1. The average length of stay for women and their babies in your DHB birthing facilities for each of the years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to date.***
- 2. The average length of inpatient post-natal stay for each woman birthing at your DHB, by hour, in 2017/18. Please provide separately for vaginal and non-vaginal births.***

Please refer to **Table one** (below) for the average lengths of stay (in hours) for women and babies delivered in our birthing facilities since 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2018 in the table below.

We are not able to split this data down to any further detail to separate out the post-natal component of stay from any inpatient time spent prior to delivery for those women whose overall stay is continuous within a single patient admission.

Table one:

Average Length of Stay (Hours)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 YTD
Mothers – Vaginal Delivery	52.66	51.52	55.22	59.54
Mothers – Caesarean Section	88.50	93.24	89.96	81.33
Mothers – Post-partum	34.73	51.60	38.35	22.50
Neonates	51.38	56.53	57.19	53.20

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 West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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