



Te Tāhū Hauora
Health Quality & Safety
Commission

1 May 2024

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Tēnā koe

Re: Official information request for information regarding neonatal encephalopathy (NE) data and related activities

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission (Te Tāhū Hauora) on 15 April 2024.

Each part of your request is addressed in turn below:

1. *When is the data for 2021, 2022 and 2023 to be published and in what format please? Particularly the rate of NE and NE related rate for each of those years.*

Data on babies with moderate or severe neonatal encephalopathy for the period up to and inclusive of 2021 will be released in the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review 16th report planned for release on the Te Tāhū Hauora website at the end of June 2024. At present no timeframes or format have been determined for 2022 or 2023 data.

2. *What involvement, if any, has HQSC had (both with and without ACC) in regards to NE/HIE or other birth injuries, particularly in respect to reducing the number and/or severity of preventable NE. Please include any and all information pertaining to (3) above, including but not limited to email correspondence, notes, meeting minutes etc*
3. *We would appreciate the names and roles of your team members who have been involved with working on NE with the team at ACC.*

Te Tāhū Hauora is declining questions 2 and 3 of the request under section 18(f) of the Act, on the basis that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research and section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Tāhū Hauora publishes some of its official information responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us at info@hqsc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Jansen', with a large loop and a horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Peter Jansen
Chief executive
Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission

