



9 June 2023

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Ref: H2023025079

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### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 10 May 2023 for information regarding medical abortions in Aotearoa New Zealand.

On 12 May 2023, you were contacted by Manatū Hauora pursuant to section 18B of the Act to clarify the scope of your request. Particularly, regarding whether you were seeking information on Family Planning clinics and Magma-owned clinics across Aotearoa New Zealand. On the same day, you clarified that your request related to all 33 NZ Family Planning clinics and Magma Healthcare Ltd facilities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

You requested:

*The number of Early Medical Abortions performed by the NZ Family Planning Association and the Magma Healthcare Ltd in the period, 1 November 2022 and 30th April 2023?*

During the period outlined, Magma Healthcare Ltd performed 1,142 Early Medical abortions, and NZ Family Planning Association performed 132 Early Medical abortions.

*The number of prescriptions for the abortion pills that were posted or couriered to women for Early Medical Abortions performed by the NZ Family Planning Association and the Magma Healthcare Ltd in the period, 1 November 2022 and 30th April 2023?*

On 8 June 2023, you were advised that information relating to this part of your request was more closely connected with the functions of Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand and has therefore been transferred in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. On the same day you received a response from Te Whatu Ora regarding this part of your request (HNZ00019035 refers).

*The number of the above women who received pre abortion counselling?*

During the period outlined, 95 women accessing services through NZ Family Planning and Magma Healthcare also chose to access pre-abortion counselling.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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