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Dear Ms Whitlock

**Re: Official Information Act Request**

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by transfer from the Ministry of Health on 11 September 2015 in which you specifically requested the following:

***Do we currently deliver services against the "Maternity Services - DHB funded Pregnancy and Parenting information and education Tier 2 Service Specification"***  
***How long has the Pregnancy and Parenting information and education service been in place within [the SDHB] and what are the names of the providers who deliver those services?***

Southern DHB moved all contracted providers to the tier level two service specifications for Pregnancy and Parenting Information and Education (in conjunction with tier one Maternity Services- DHB funded) in April 2015.

The current list of providers includes:

- Royal New Zealand Plunket Society
- Southern Provider Arm
- Clutha Community Health Company Ltd
- Dunedin Independent Childbirth Educators
- Dunedin Home Births Association
- Northern Southland Health Ltd
- Catholic Social Services
- Waiau Health Trust Ltd
- CDHB – manages NZ Parent's Centre SI wide

It was apparent to the DHB that some of our currently funded providers would have difficulty with the implementation of some aspects of the new service specifications. Additionally, the DHB still had a small proportion of services retained within the Provider Arm which needed to be transferred to a community setting. It was decided that a Request for Proposal be undertaken during 2015.

A preferred provider(s) is expected to be selected by November 2015, with the DHB commencing implementation by 1 April 2016 and full implementation occurring shortly after this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Heatly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Carole Heatly**  
Chief Executive Officer