

# Vida Rye

**Speaking as a member of the Hutt Valley community who has birthed 2 children in Wellington and the Hutt and who works and volunteers in the birthing world**

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HVDHB's Maternity Clinical Governance Group  
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**Public presentation to 2DHB Board Meeting -  
Wednesday 1st September 2021 via Zoom**



**Time is Running Out**

The Birth Centre in Lower Hutt has provided for, and funded, over **600** births and 48-hour postnatal stays since opening in July 2018

**\$3,400,800**

**SAVINGS FOR THE HVDHB OVER THOSE 3 YEARS**



**Costs based on HVDHB OIA response  
2 August 2019**

Average cost per spontaneous vaginal delivery  
= \$2777.42 x 600

Average cost per 48 hour postnatal stay  
= \$2890.56 x 600



Over the next year approx **200** extra births need to be budgeted for on Hutt Hospital's already stretched and under-resourced maternity ward,  
COSTING:

**\$1,133,600**

& THAT'S THE BEST CASE SCENARIO

That is **ONLY** if all those birthing have a spontaneous vaginal delivery and no complications arise

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\$3,400,800 / 3 years



Research from 2018 shows that those who are healthy, with a low risk pregnancy and WHO PLAN BIRTH CENTRE BIRTHS have nearly

# TWICE the odds

of a NORMAL VAGINAL BIRTH compared to those planning a hospital birth, with correspondingly

LOWER RATES OF CAESAREAN SECTION & INSTRUMENTAL BIRTHS

**Maternal and perinatal outcomes by planned place of birth among women with low-risk pregnancies in high-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis**

The review compared 28 studies of births planned in hospital, birth centres and at home.

*Scarf et al - Midwifery: Volume 62, July 2018, Pages 240-255*

The Ministry of Health confirmed funding in January 2021 of

**\$9.47million**

MOST OF WHICH IS TARGETED REACTIVELY AT SECONDARY CARE  
RATHER THAN AS PREVENTATIVE INVESTMENT IN PRIMARY CARE

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CURRENT REG MIDWIFE, SENIOR NURSE, REG NURSE  
VACANCIES ACROSS HVDHB MATERNITY SERVICES

14.43FTE

COSTLY INTERNATIONAL MIDWIFERY CAMPAIGN

WHEN THERE ARE MIDWIVES WITH PRACTISING CERTIFICATES LOCALLY IN NZ WHO  
WOULD COME BACK IF THEY WERE TREATED WITH RESPECT & VALUED  
FINANCIALLY AS HIGHLY SKILLED & EXPERIENCED CLINICIANS

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**Please consider urgent interim  
funding for the Birth Centre as it will  
save us all much more in the long run.**

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**Thank you for listening.**

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