

25 February 2019

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 10 January 2019 regarding policy documents for education and transition paed to adult services. You granted an extension to our DHB on 7 February with a new due date of 27 February.

Our response to your request:

a) your DHB's current core policy document on facilitating education access for inpatient and outpatient children and young clients (including tertiary age) and/or

Hauora Tairāwhiti has no policy on education access. Children who are or will miss a considerable amount of school are offered enrolment in the Northern Health Schools, as per the enrolment criteria for them.

b) your DHB's current core policy document on the transition and monitoring of transition from paediatric to adult services. I am aware that at least one DHB has a formal transition process and joint management document for each patient

Hauora Tairāwhiti has no policy for this. What is described in this question is one of the key roles of a General Paediatrician. Transition to adult services is a very individualised service, and as such is specifically tailored to each child. There are joint documents developed for these children.

c) your DHB's current core policy document on transitions and/or co-management between a) genetic and paediatric services

b) paediatric and other specialist services and

c) genetic and adult services.

The Paediatricians work very closely with the visiting specialists to Gisborne. A local paediatrician will often sit in for the whole specialist clinic. There is excellent information sharing between clinicians and also named lead clinicians in Gisborne for liaising between services.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published.



If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

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