

08 May 2019

Email: [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 12 April regarding Gender-affirming healthcare availability.

**Our response to your request:**

**How many transgender people received each of the following services, specifically for gender-affirming healthcare purposes, within the 2018 calendar year?**

- Puberty blockers - 0
- Hormone therapy - 18
- Mastectomy – 0
- Hysterectomy – 0
- Orchidectomy – 2
- Facial hair removal – service not provided here
- Breast augmentation – service not provided here
- Voice training – service not provided here
- Facial feminization surgery – service not provided here

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.

Ngā mihi,

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Communications Advisor  
Hauora Tairāwhiti