

25 February 2019

Email: _____

Re: Official Information Act

Dear _____,

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 26 January regarding weight loss surgery.

Our response to your request:

Could you please advise how many people received bariatric surgery (gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery) through the DHB and the age of the individual, each calendar year, from 2010 to 2018.

2010 – 0

2011 – 1 person referred to Waikato but changed mind. Age 39

2012 – 2 in Waikato. Aged 33 and 54

2013 – 1 in Waikato. Aged 34.

2014 – 2 (new local surgeon). Aged 40 and 29

2015 – 11. Aged 50, 56, 50, 38, 42, 47, 47, 43, 29, 33 and 38

2016 – 11. Aged 39, 35, 48, 52, 48, 59, 55, 45, 47, 44 and 58

2017 – 9. Aged 51, 48, 21, 57, 52, 61, 55, 50 and 59

2018 – 12. Aged 64, 63, 73, 51, 40, 40, 32, 43, 38, 42, 49 and 49

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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