

7 February 2020



Dear 

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2019149

I refer to your Official Information Act request partially transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 5 December 2019, where you requested information regarding youth gender identity services. Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

How many teenagers (up to and including 18 y/o) and children have sought treatment / advice from paediatric or youth health services, endocrinologists or primary health teams or any other services of DHBs because of issues relating to gender identity and being transgender.

Note: information for the period 2009 – 2019 requested.

Hawke's Bay DHB cannot provide information in relation to advice sought for gender identity for its paediatric or youth mental health services. Therefore under the Official Information Act section 18(f) relating to information requested not available without substantial collation and research, this part of your request is declined as this would require a manual search through patient records.

The number of people, referred to Hawke's Bay DHB's Adult Endocrinology Service, for gender disorder treatment, for the financial years 2015-2019 is shown in the table below.

Please note that the data provided is not broken down by age, nor do the referrals specify gender identity (vs gender disorder) as the reason for referral. To provide any further breakdown would require a search and manual retrieval of the relevant health records, these would then require substantial collation and review.

Financial Year	Number of Referrals
2015	5
2016	12
2017	19
2018	31
2019	19

Hawke's Bay DHB is not aware of the number of teenagers and children who may have sought advice for gender identity issues from primary care providers (for example GPs, Youth Services or Non-Governmental Organisations).

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Burns', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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