

28 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020027

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 5 February 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

1. *How many people were referred to the DHB for gender reassignment hormone therapy in each calendar year in 2018 and 2019?*

The table below indicates the number of people with gender disorder referred to HBDHB's adult endocrine services for the financial years 2018 and 2019.

Year	Number of referrals
2019	19
2018	31

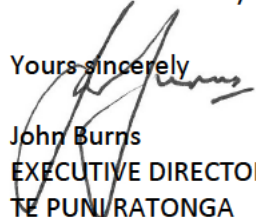
It should be noted that:

- the data above does not specifically identify individuals undergoing gender reassignment as this information is not recorded at the time of referral.
 - primary health providers are able to prescribe hormone therapy.
2. *How many were treated within the DHB and how many were referred to another DHB? If so, where?*
 3. *What was the breakdown of ages in each of those years (youngest/ oldest/ median age)?*
 4. *How many were transitioning male to female and how many female to male in each of those years?*
- Hawke's Bay DHB is unable to provide a response to questions 2, 3 and 4 as gender reassignment is not coded as a referral criteria therefore it is not able to be retrieved from its electronic patient record systems. It should be noted that people wanting to access gender reassignment services from another DHB or private provider will establish contact directly as private individuals.

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


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