

# Corporate Services



8 November 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021133**

I refer to your Official Information Act request partially transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 8 October 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

### ***Part 2:***

***Please provide (or where the DHB's hold the figures forward to each of them) the following information as a matter of urgency - they are being used for a submission to the Select Committee on the BDMRR Bill closing 14 September.***

***Information relating to the use of blockers for young either trans related or increase in central precocious puberty. Please provide the figures divided into these 2 separate categories.***

***Please break down as to numbers,***

***ages,***

***birth sex***

***ethnicity***

***for all people under the age of 20 enrolled in gender clinics - including by DHB over last 5 years.***

***Please also advise how many of the above have gone on to be prescribed cross sex hormones and/or gone on to have transition surgery or be placed on the surgery waiting list."***

Hawke's Bay DHB prescribes GnRH Puberty Suppressants (puberty blockade) for gender affirming health care and for the reason of precocious puberty. However, the DHB is unable to easily extrapolate the information you request without manually reviewing each individual patient file for the last five years. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under Section 18(f) of the Official Information Act relating to substantial collation or research.

Patients that have been prescribed cross sex hormones (hormone therapy, cross gender steroids) do not require a referral from an endocrinologist. Primary health providers are also able to prescribe cross gender steroids. Hawke's Bay DHB is therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held decline to provide a response to this portion of your request.

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Hawke's Bay DHB refers patients wanting to access gender affirming surgery to a tertiary provider. There have been several people referred for gender affirming surgery.

Please refer to our Official Information Act responses that are published on Our Health HB website for previous responses regarding Gender Affirming treatments and similar queries. You can find the responses following this link: <http://www.ourhealthhb.nz/connect-with-us/official-information-act/official-information-act-responses/>

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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