



17 January 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request - information about gender identity services for people aged 18 and under

Thank you for your Official Information Act request dated 21 November 2019 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) requesting information about issues relating to gender identity for 18-year-olds and under.

On 5 December, Waitematā DHB received a partial transfer from the MoH of the following question:

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

Please provide the information for each of the years from 2000 through to 2019 (or whenever latest statistics are available).

The Waitematā DHB endocrinology service does not provide services to people under 18 years-of-age with gender identity issues and, therefore, does not accept referrals from primary health care for these services. We do not have data on patients seeking treatment/advice from primary health care services.

In relation to other services within the DHB, please note that we do not use specific coding to describe if a patient is transgender or when a patient is seeking treatment for a gender identity or transgender-related issue.

However, most young people within Waitematā DHB who have required support services relating to gender identity use the Centre for Youth Health (CfYH) service, run by Counties Manukau DHB. The following table shows how many Waitematā DHB-domiciled young people aged 18 years and under have accessed services at CfYH between January 2017 to 30 June 2019.

In response to your specific request, we can provide the following information. Please note:

- The information has been collated from either electronic coding, service reporting or information prepared in response to other OIA requests.
- The information we can provide relates to our contract with CfYH. As we did not contract them for the period from 2000 to 2016, there is no data to report for this period.

DHB	1 January 2000 to 31 December 2016	1 January to 31 December 2017	1 January to 31 December 2018	1 January to 30 June 2019
Waitematā DHB	None available	102	156	62

While acknowledging we are unable to provide information in response to all elements of your request because this information is not available, I hope what we have been able to provide is of value.

Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

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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