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Dear Brodie

Official Information Act Request

The Ministry of Health partially transferred your Official Information Act request regarding gender reassignment surgery to district health boards on 17 June 2019.

- *How many, if any, transgender individuals have been referred to endocrine services in New Zealand in the past five years, broken down by year?*
- *How many, if any, transgender individuals have been referred to endocrine services in New Zealand in the past five years, broken down by DHB?*

Northland DHB does not capture this information electronically. While I am unable to provide the specific information you have requested I note that the number of people being referred to Northland DHB endocrine services is increasing each year. In 2006 we would have received 3 to 4 referrals whereas we now receive about 15 to 20 referrals a year.

If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive