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By email: fyi-request-21858-8442e382@requests.fyi.org.nz
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Tēnā koe Kellye

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 16 February 2023. You requested:

*“How many of these patients have now had additional diabetes treatment.
Why was it confirmed by health nz that publicly funded bariatric surgery would only be given to those with diabetes.
I am a long suffering obese person whom has severe limitations due to severe arthritis which would be drastically reduced by surgery and I could enjoy my 8 children. However declined 4 times now I don't drink smoke or eat unhealthy I have tried every possible weightloss why does ministry of health not see the real endemic issues
Why is prevention of diabetes not a priority with the endemic obesity problems in New Zealand Why are we lagging behind in treatment against Australia UK and USA”*

I have been advised that this information is more closely connected to the functions of Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from their agency in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku nōa, na



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COPY OF OIA REQUEST

From: Kellye <fyi-request-21858-8442e382@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2023 23:31

To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Official Information request - National data for publicly funded bariatric surgical

Dear Ministry of Health,

I am requesting the official data for publicly funded bariatric surgery for the past 5yrs and the data that suggests that remission of type 2 diabetes has been successful. How many of these patients have now had additional diabetes treatment.

Why was it confirmed by health nz that publicly funded bariatric surgery would only be given to those with diabetes.

I am a long suffering obese person whom has severe limitations due to severe arthritis which would be drastically reduced by surgery and I could enjoy my 8 children. However declined 4 times now I don't drink smoke or eat unhealthy I have tried every possible weightloss why does ministry of health not see the real endemic issues

Why is prevention of diabetes not a priority with the endemic obesity problems in New Zealand

Why are we lagging behind in treatment against Australia UK and USA

I look forward to receiving the required information

Yours faithfully,
Kellye foster

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