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Jem Traylen

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Dear Mx Traylen

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, that we received on 30 January 2018. You requested the following information:

- **Do you have a surgeon who is capable of performing gender reassignment surgeries (i.e. genital reconstruction)?**
- **If not - are you in the process of recruiting a surgeon with such capabilities or considering the recruitment of such a surgeon?**

Yes, we have a surgeon with the relevant technical expertise; however we do not yet have the appropriate multi-disciplinary clinical team established to support this. We will make further public announcements when the required services are available.

CM Health has previously applied for funding from the Ministry of Health's high cost treatment pool to enable patients to travel overseas for genital gender reassignment surgery.

I trust this satisfactorily answers your request.

Yours sincerely,



Gloria Johnson
Acting Chief Executive