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Dear Ms Ashley,

Official Information Act (1982) request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 07 March 2018. You requested the following information, and we note our responses under each question.

For clarity, we note that CM Health is not performing gender reassignment surgeries at this time. Should a decision be made at a future date by the Ministry of Health to provide this surgery in New Zealand, the DHB will work with the Ministry of Health to ensure there is access to this service for our population.

I would like to inquire about the following, now that Rita Yang has been employed.

- **What types of surgery will Rita be performing? (FFS, Breast Augmentation, MtF, FtM {etc})**

Ms Yang has been employed by CM Health as a Consultant (Senior Medical Officer) Plastic Surgeon, and will not be carrying out surgeries associated with a gender assignment service.

- **What MtF Vaginoplasty procedures is Rita able to perform / will perform? (Penile Inversion, Rectosigmoid, peritoneal graft {etc})**

At CM Health, Ms Yang will not be performing any of these procedures at this time.

- **What FtM procedures is Rita able to perform / will perform?**

Ms Yang will not be performing any of these procedures at CM Health.

- **When is a Multi-Disciplinary surgical team likely to be appointed?**

At this point in time, there is no plan regarding a multidisciplinary surgical team for gender reassignment.

- **How long after a Multi-Disciplinary surgical team is appointed will the waiting list be resumed?**

There is no plan on this.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your request. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gloria Johnson
Chief Executive (Acting)