

Corporate Services



23 May 2018

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Gloria Fraser

Via email: fyi-request-7894-0a741e80@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Fraser

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST

I refer to your request dated 22 May 2018 received at this office on 23 May 2018 requesting information on gender-affirming healthcare services provided by Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB).

You specifically asked the following questions:

1. *Please advise whether the following gender-affirming healthcare services are funded by Hawke's Bay District Health Board for transgender patients, and whether the services are currently available:*
 - *Hormone therapy*
 - *Mastectomy*
 - *Hysterectomy*
 - *Orchidectomy*
 - *Facial hair removal*
 - *Breast augmentation*
 - *Voice training*

2. *Please provide information about the process of accessing those services that are available?*
 - a) *Specifically, is an assessment by a mental health professional required in order to access gender-affirming healthcare services? If so, which services?*
 - b) *In the case of hormone therapy, can primary health providers prescribe hormones, or does this have to be initially approved by an endocrinologist?*
 - c) *Is any period of real life experience required to access surgery?*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

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3. *Please advise what the process is if transgender patients require one of the above services, but Hawke's Bay District Health Board does not offer this service?*
4. *Does Hawke's Bay District Health Board currently fund patients to travel to other areas to access this healthcare?*

Under the Official Information Act 1982, we have 20 working days from receipt of your request to respond. Therefore we anticipate a response back to you by 13th June 2018.

Yours sincerely



ANNA KIRK
Communications Manager