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Dear Gloria

## Official Information Act (OIA) Request

Your OIA request of 23 May 2018 is acknowledged and has been passed on to me for a response.

You have requested the following information;

- **Could you please advise whether the following gender-affirming healthcare services are funded by the MidCentral District Health Board for transgender patients and whether the services are currently available.**

Please note that the following information relates to adult patients only (i.e. over 16 years of age).

There is currently no co-ordinated multi-disciplinary team locally.

Dr Anne Robertson (Medical Head, Sexual Health Service) has recently asked for a group to meet about transcare pathways with Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Sexual Health, etc. which is planned for mid June.

- **Hormone Therapy**

There is no current service for adult patients. The Sexual Health Service may on occasion accept referrals on a case-by-case basis.

- **Mastectomy**

This was previously provided by one General Surgeon, but is currently not available.

- **Hysterectomy**

These patients are referred to the Obstetrics & Gynaecology team. Patients are all treated with cross hormone therapy prior and may need a further Clinical Psychiatrist opinion prior.

- **Orchidectomy**

This service is currently not provided at MidCentral DHB.

- **Facial Hair Removal**

This service is not provided at MidCentral DHB. Patients are required to self fund (as do all women with hirsutism).

- **Breast Augmentation**

This service is not provided at MidCentral DHB.

- **Voice Training**

This service is not provided at MidCentral DHB.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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