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Ms G Fraser

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Dear Ms Fraser

Re: Official Information Act Request

Please find the information below in response to your request under the Official Information Act to provide you with information about the gender-affirming healthcare services provided by the Waikato District Health Board.

You requested whether the following gender-affirming healthcare services are funded by the DHB for transgender patients, and whether the services are currently available.

Hormone therapy

Yes. Hormone therapy is funded as prescribed by general practitioners and those medications which are specialist only are prescribed by the relevant consultant at the sexual health clinic or endocrinologist.

Mastectomy

Generally these patients do not meet the clinical access criteria for mastectomy, although occasionally this has been overridden due to specific aspects of an individual's case.

Hysterectomy

These patients do not typically meet clinical access criteria for hysterectomies, which means access to surgery in public hospitals is limited.

Orchiectomy

No. These patients do not meet the clinical access criteria.

Facial hair removal

No services are available for the client group.

Breast augmentation

No services are available for the client group.

Voice training

No services are available for the client group.

Is any period of real life experience required to access surgery?

Real life experience is not required for gender affirming surgery in Waikato.

Does the Waikato DHB currently fund patients to travel to other areas to access health care?

No, as the service is available locally.



I trust this is of assistance and answers the requests under your query

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya Maloney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'T' being particularly large and stylized.

Tanya Maloney
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