

10 May 2019

Gloria Fraser

By Email: fyi-request-10141-5599fcd6@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Fraser

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received 16 April 2019 in which you specifically requested the following:

Could you please advise how many transgender people received each of the following services, specifically for gender-affirming healthcare purposes, within the 2018 calendar year?

- **Puberty blockers**

There were 11 transgender people on puberty blockers in 2018.

- **Hormone therapy**

The Child Health Service had 6 transgender people on hormonal therapy in 2018. New referrals aged 16 go to the Adult Endocrine Service.

- **Mastectomy**

No mastectomies were performed for gender-affirming healthcare purposes within the calendar year 2018.

- **Hysterectomy**

No hysterectomies were performed for gender-affirming healthcare purposes within the calendar year 2018.

- **Orchidectomy**

No orchidectomies were performed for gender-affirming healthcare purposes within the calendar year 2018.

- **Facial hair removal**

Facial hair removal is currently not available at Southern DHB.

- **Breast augmentation**

No breast augmentation surgeries were performed for gender-affirming healthcare purposes within the calendar year 2018.

- **Voice training**
No patients received transgender voice therapy from Southern DHB in 2018. This service is currently not available at Southern DHB.
- **Facial feminization surgery**
No facial feminization surgeries were performed within the calendar year 2018.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fleming', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Chris Fleming
Chief Executive Officer