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Dear Sir

Thank you for your further Official Information Act Request received by Nelson Marlborough District Health Board (NMDHB) on 3 November 2015.

In your request you seek the following:

"My request is for information including but not limited to correspondence with prospective providers, assessments of providers or correspondence with other DHBs or specialists."

"In 2014 a member of the NZ based surgeon team who performed sex reassignment surgery retired. This left New Zealand with no capability locally to perform the surgery. Since then referring specialists in the DHBs have been trying to source a provider of this surgery overseas."

NMDHB advises that this procedure has never been performed at NMDHB as it does not have the capability to do so. There have never been any requests or correspondence in relation to sexual reassignment and no discussions with other surgeons or DHBs have taken place.

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek a review, under S28(3) of the Act, by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Yours faithfully

Chris Fleming
Chief Executive