

27 November 2015

Aaron Goodwin-O'Neill

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Dear Mr Goodwin-O'Neill

Re Official Information Act Request –

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 October 2015 and received by Auckland DHB on 27 October 2015 requesting the following information:

The eligibility criteria that needs to be met by a male in their 20's to receive public funding for Orthognathic (jaw) surgery.

Auckland DHB Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery service use clinical prioritisation to assess patient need in accordance with criteria to determine priority for access. This involves an assessment by an appropriately qualified specialist to determine clinical priority.

Generally speaking the patient referrals most commonly accepted are patients with cleft lip and palate, severe cranio-facial deformities or significant medical co-morbidities. However there may be occasions where other individual clinical circumstances may be prioritised for assessment and treatment.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive