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Dear Jem

**Official Information Act Request – Gender reassignment surgeons - Further Query**

I refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2018, and your further query to us in reply to the response provided we to you on 26 February 2018.

The information you have requested is enclosed. Please consider this as our official response to your query which has been logged as OIA Request 20180226-033.

You asked us to confirm that we don't currently have anyone with such qualifications. I can confirm that Auckland DHB does not have any surgeons with specific training in, or that are capable of, genital/gender reassignment surgery employed in its hospital-based surgical services workforce.

Please note that Auckland DHB hosts the Northern Region Transgender Health Service (NRTHS). This regional service intends to draw on the specialist surgical expertise that is available to the region, if funding permits and clinicians recommend it.

I trust this information answers your query.

Yours faithfully

Ailsa Claire, OBE  
Chief Executive