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Dear Jem

RE Official information request CDHB 9782

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28 January 2018 requesting the following information under section 12 of the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **Do you have a surgeon who is capable of performing gender reassignment surgeries (i.e. genital reconstruction)?**
- **If not - are you in the process of recruiting a surgeon with such capabilities or considering the recruitment of such a surgeon?**

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 26 February 2018, including Waitangi Day, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

Your request is being handled by Kathleen Smitheram. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact either myself (details above) or Kathleen. Please refer to the OIA number above when phoning or emailing. (Kathleen.smitheram@cdhb.health.nz) Phone 03 364 4134).

If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely



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