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Dear Mx Traylen

RE: Request for Information under the Official Information Act

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request received by Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) on 9 March 2018.

You have asked whether transgender women have access to breast prosthetic services provided by your district health board

CCDHB only provides prosthetic services such as implants for reconstructive surgeries associated with cancer. Transgender women have access in this situation.

Prior to January 2018 there was no full time surgeon performing breast reconstruction surgery at CCDHB. All people with breast cancer had access to treatment at CCDHB however breast reconstruction surgery was only provided at Hutt Hospital. Now that CCDHB has employed a breast surgeon who can also perform breast reconstruction this surgery can be provided at Wellington Hospital.

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to request an investigation and review in accordance with s 28(3) Official Information Act by complaint being made to an Ombudsman in writing or orally.

Yours sincerely



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