

05 June 2018

Amanda Ashley

Via Email fyi-request-7776-347d69c2@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Ashley,

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, received by us on 07 May 2018. You requested the following information:

It has been two months since my original request, and I would like an update on my original questions as follows.

1) What types of surgery will Rita be performing? (FFS, Breast Augmentation, MtF, FtM {etc})

Dr Yang has been employed by CM Health as a Consultant (Senior Medical Officer) Plastic Surgeon to further the ability of the Plastic Surgery Department to meet the reconstructive needs of the regional community.

2) What MtF Vaginoplasty procedures is Rita able to perform / will perform? (Penile Inversion, Rectosigmoid, peritoneal graft {etc})

Dr Yang is a fully trained Plastic Surgeon, who has undertaken additional postgraduate training in the full range of microvascular and transgender procedures.

3) What FtM procedures is Rita able to perform / will perform?

Dr Yang is a fully trained Plastic Surgeon, who has undertaken additional post-graduate training in the full range of microvascular and transgender procedures.

4) When is a multi-disciplinary surgical team likely to be appointed?

The Auckland Regional Plastic Surgery Department continues to strive to meet the needs of the community within the limits of a capacity and funding constrained public hospital environment. It is hoped that these (transgender reassignment surgery) services will be provided when there is capacity and funding.

5) How long after a Multi-Disciplinary surgical team is appointed will the waiting list be resumed?

The Auckland Regional Plastic Surgery Department continues to strive to meet the needs of the community, within the limits of a capacity and funding constrained public hospital environment. As with any new service, Transgender services will be provided if, and when

capacity and funding allow. We are currently unable to put a more specific timeframe to this.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your further request on this information. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'GJ', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Gloria Johnson
Chief Executive (Acting)