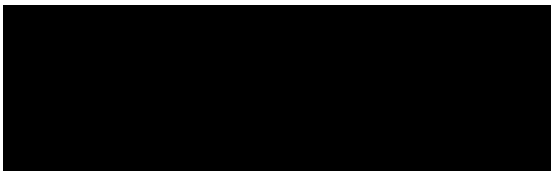


20 October 2021



Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 25 September 2021. You have requested the following information:

1. *Please advise (Y/N) whether the following gender-affirming healthcare treatments are provided by your DHB for transgender patients:*

Please see the information requested in the table under the *Appendix*.

2. *Are gender-affirming healthcare services under your DHB based on the Guidelines for Gender affirming Healthcare for Gender Diverse and Transgender Children, Young People and Adults in Aotearoa New Zealand (2018)? If not, which guidelines are they based on, if any?*

Taranaki clinicians use the above guidelines and also the “*World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) guidelines*”.

3. *Are there transgender training programmes routinely provided or promoted through your DHB? If so, which training programmes or materials are used, and which organisations provide these? If not, do you have mechanisms for providing or promoting such training, and is there a date by which you plan to provide these?*

Taranaki DHB does not have any training programmes. Currently there are no plans to put a training programme in place.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



Gillian Campbell  
**Chief Operating Officer**

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## Appendix

Treatment	Yes	No	Notes
Voice therapy/vocal training.	X		
Permanent facial hair removal by electrolysis, IPL, or laser treatment.		X	
Chest binding prosthetics (binders).		X	
Chest reconstruction (double mastectomy & contouring for transgender men).		X	Taranaki DHB does not have a plastics service; patient referrals for breast reduction / augmentation are sent through to our tertiary provider Waikato DHB.
Breast augmentation for transgender women.		X	
Fertility preservation for sperm.		X	Taranaki DHB does not perform this service; however patient can be referred to a private provider in Hamilton if requested.
Fertility preservation for eggs.		X	
GnRH Puberty suppressants (puberty blockade).	X		
Readiness assessment for hormone therapy.	X		
Hormone therapy (estrogen, progesterone, and testosterone treatment).	X		
Hysterectomy and oophorectomy.		X	Taranaki DHB would only perform this surgery if it was clinically indicated.
Orchidectomy/orchiectomy.		X	
DHB public pathway to care		X	