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Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 20 September 2021. You have requested the following information:

*Could we please request an updated figure for 2020 for this question:*

*"How many teenagers (up to and including 18 y/o) and children have sought treatment / advice from paediatric or youth health services, endocrinologists or primary health teams or any other service of your DHB because of issues relating to gender identity and being transgender"*

Taranaki DHB is unable to fully answer the above question for teenagers between 16 to 18 years as this level of information is not captured electronically.

However, any gender identity referrals for children under 16 years old are seen by one Paediatrician who keeps a manual record. According to this manual record, 20 children were referred in the 2020 calendar year.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



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**Chief Operating Officer**