

Clinical : Women's Health/ Kidz First
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Email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 26 April 2019. You requested the following information:

- 1. Data on how many intersex children have had genital surgery within their first year of life between 2000 and 2018:**
 - broken down by year, and
 - whether or not the surgery was medically necessary, or whether it was cosmetic, and
 - gender of child as recorded on their birth certificate, and
 - the total cost per year of the surgeries.

(Can I please have this information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet)

- 2. Information about policies/ procedures relating to intersex people's health care, received by the DHB, and published by the DHB between January 2017 and today, April 26 2019.**
(Including but not limited to internal communications, memos, meeting minutes, briefing notes, letters, communications with external stakeholders)

CMDHB does not provide paediatric genital surgical procedures for any children born with ambiguous genitalia (intersex); any such babies/ children are referred to Starship Children's Hospital, that provides specialist regional services for the metro-Auckland community. This referral will be a part of ongoing comprehensive multidisciplinary healthcare services for these babies and their families.

To our knowledge, there has been no communication from our DHB with internal or external stakeholders about specific policies/ procedures relating to intersex people's health care received by the DHB, and/or published by CMDHB, between January 2017 and today, April 26 2019.

We are aware of the work that is publicly available, created by both the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and Privacy Commissioner on the healthcare services for, and rights of, babies born intersex, and their families. This includes the Report of the 2017 HRC Roundtable in March 2018, and recent commissioner advice on access to personal health information. The Reference Group for the HRC Roundtable includes New Zealand paediatric Medical Specialists, consumers and advocacy groups.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. 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 read 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', with a small dot above the 'i' in 'Apa'.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive