

18 December 2019



Re: Official Information Act request – Treatment for teenagers/children re issues relating to gender identity

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 21 November 2019 to the MoH and transferred (partial transfer) from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 5 December 2019 requesting following information:

How many teenagers (up to and including 18 year old) and children have sought treatment (advice from paediatric or youth health services, endocrinologists or primary health teams or any other services of DHBs because of issues relating to gender identity and being transgender.

Auckland DHB does not collect information relating to teenagers and children seeking assessment or treatment for issues relating to gender identity and transgender at Starship. Typically, these patients, when referred to Starship are re-directed to the Centre for Youth Health at Counties Manukau Health.

The Starship Consultation Liaison service sees young people with gender dysphoria but they have usually presented to Starship with another primary concern such as eating disorder, deliberate self-harm or suicide attempts. There is no data specific to this patient group available.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ailsa Claire', with a large flourish at the end.

Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive