

14 March 2019



Re **Official Information Request - hysterectomies performed in 2018 and hysterectomies performed on trans men.**

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 22 January 2019 dated for the following information:

How many hysterectomies were performed last year 2018.

How many hysterectomies were performed on trans men?

How many hysterectomies were performed on trans men under 25, and over 25?

Are hysterectomies covered by public health?

In a further addition to your original request received on 12 February 2019, you asked for

How many transgender patients requested a hystorectomy last year (2018?)

How many were approved and under went surgery?

How many were declined?

Your request now encompasses the following:

- 1. How many hysterectomies were performed last year 2018.**
In the time period July 2017-30 June 2018 there were 430 hysterectomies performed at Auckland DHB.
- 2. How many hysterectomies were performed on trans men?**
It is not possible to provide an accurate answer due to the coding of trans-men as female or male and because clear indications for the procedure are not recorded for all procedures. The number is most likely to be less than or equal to five.
- 3. How many hysterectomies were performed on trans men under 25, and over 25?**
The number for both age categories is less than or equal to five.

4. Are hysterectomies covered by public health?

All operations in the public hospital are funded.

5. How many transgender patients requested a hysterectomy last year (2018?)

This data is not recorded as outpatient consultations are not categorised by the presenting complaint.

6. How many were approved and underwent surgery?

See answer to question 2.

7. How many were declined?

See answer to question 5.

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



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Chief Executive