

23 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re Official Information Request for transvaginal mesh for urinary incontinence**

I refer to your Official Information Act of 26 September 2018 for the following information:

- 1. how many surgeons are currently implanting transvaginal mesh for stress urinary incontinence procedures in your DHB?**
- 2. what are each of those surgeons' credentials?**
- 3. how many of those surgeons meet all of the requirements developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care?**

The information you have requested is attached to your questions below.

1. How many surgeons are currently implanting transvaginal mesh for stress urinary incontinence procedures in your DHB?  
*Four*
2. What are each of those surgeons' credentials?
  - 1) Gynaecologist with interest in uro-gynaecology and 17 years' experience.*
  - 2) RANZCOG certified uro-gynaecologist*
  - 3) FPMRS. Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (USA), comparable to RANZCOG certified uro-gynaecologist*
  - 4) Gynaecologist. Preceptor of mid-urethral sling operations in NZ in 1997 after formal training in Europe and Australia. Has trained many registrars since 1997*
3. How many of those surgeons meet all of the requirements developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care?  
*All*

You are entitled under the Official Information Act to seek a review of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours faithfully



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