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Re: Official Information Act request – Gender Affirming Surgery - ADHB Ref: 20220228-1226

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 8 May 2022 requesting the following information:

1. How many gender affirming surgeries have been undertaken in the past ten years through ADHB?
2. Could this please be separated by year?
3. Could this also be broken down by type of gender affirming surgery? (E.g. chest surgery, (chest reconstruction to masculine) or chest surgery (breast augmentation), hysterectomy, oophorectomy, or orchidectomy.)

Response

The table below is based on patient events where the patient had a diagnosis of gender identity disorder and had a procedure that could be classified as gender affirming. In this response, we have withheld the information where the numbers are five or less under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, as withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. These numbers are marked at <5. We have considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to protect the privacy of individuals and have determined that it does not.

Counties Manukau Health provides the regional service for chest reconstruction/breast augmentation – the chest procedures included here are for mastectomy, breast excision or nipple reconstruction.

Year	Chest	Hysterectomy and / or oophorectomy	Orchidectomy
2012	6	<5	
2013	6	<5	
2014	6	<5	<5
2016	<5	<5	<5
2017	<5	<5	
2018		<5	<5
2019	<5	6	<5
2020	<5		<5
2021		<5	7
2022		<5	<5

We trust you find this information useful.

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 sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ailsa Claire".

Ailsa Claire OBE
Chief Executive