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Via email: [bob@familyfirst.org.nz](mailto:bob@familyfirst.org.nz)

Dear Mr McCroskie

### **Official Information Act Request – Gender Identity**

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a partial transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 5 December 2019. You requested the following information in relation to Gender Identity with the questions transferred from the Ministry of Health to the DHBs highlighted in bold below:

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

*How many of these young people have been diagnosed as being transgender (excluding the 2015/2016 period that you sent me)*

*How many teenagers and children have been prescribed puberty blockers.*

*How many teenagers and children have received gender affirming genital surgery*

*Please provide the information for each of the years from 2000 through to 2019 (or whenever latest statistics are available)”*

#### **Response from the Whanganui District Health Board:**

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

The Whanganui District Health Board does not offer endocrinology services. Gender identity issues are not recorded in a structured way within our systems. Detail is captured within patient notes which cannot be analysed.

Other than Public Health Nurses in schools, who are supporting 5 young people, from a primary health organisation perspective the information requested is unable to be extracted as it is contained within patient notes and not easily accessible. However, we are able to confirm that one primary practice is treating one person within their primary mental health services stream.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Deanne Holden at [deanne.holden@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:deanne.holden@wdhb.org.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rowena Kui', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rowena Kui  
**Acting Chief Executive**