



27 April 2021



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about intersex children undergoing genital surgery in the first year of life.

I was hoping to grab some information around how many intersex children have had genital surgery within their first year of life?

Could I please have this from 2016 to 2021, broken down into the number each year and the overall number for the past five years. Could I also request whether or not the surgery was medically necessary or whether it was cosmetic, the gender of child as recorded on their birth certificate and the total cost per year of the surgeries

No procedures have been performed by Northland DHB.

Could I also request how many referrals have been made to other DHBs for intersex babies in their first year of life looking for the surgery in other DHB regions. Could I please have this from 2016 to 2021, broken down into the number each year and the overall number for the past five years.

No referrals to other DHBs have been made.

Northland DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist public understanding of how we deliver our services. This includes proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been provided to you. Personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be publicly available we will consider your views.

If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at communications@northlanddhb.org.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a light green circular watermark.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive