



21 June 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information on precocious puberty statistics.

1) How many children were referred for precocious puberty in each calendar year from 2006 until the most recent available year (presumably 2021)?

2) How many children were being treated (i.e. total ongoing treatments) for precocious puberty in each calendar year from 2006 until the most recent available year?

Northland DHB does not capture the data you have requested in our electronic systems. In order to provide it we would need to undertake an extensive manual review process of individual patient medical records requiring substantial collation and staff resource. I have therefore decided to decline your request in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act as the information can not be provided without substantial research and collation. You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman about my decision to withhold the information

While I am unable to provide the information you have requested I am able to advise that our five children are currently being seen by our Paediatric Team for precocious puberty.

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 queries about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a white background.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive