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**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information, as a partial transfer of Points 4 and 5 (of 9) from the Ministry of Health and received 20 June 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

**Point 4** *How many, if any, transgender individuals have been referred to endocrine services in New Zealand in the past five years, broken down by year?*

**Point 5** *How many, if any, transgender individuals have been referred to endocrine services in New Zealand in the past five years, broken down by DHB?*

The NMH hospital data base system does not electronically capture the level of detail to show the number of transgender individual referrals specific to endocrinology and, as such, we decline to respond under section 18(g) of the Act in *'that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either (i) held by another department or organisation; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation'*.

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone 0800 802 602.

If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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