

Corporate Services



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Email: ██████████

Dear ██████████

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022062

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 31 May 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 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?*

In response to your first question, Hawke's Bay DHB does not clinically code outpatient referrals for precocious puberty. To provide the information requested would require a manual review of individual patient records by a clinician. Therefore your request is declined under 18 (f) of the Official Information Act relation to substantial collation and research.

In response to question two – this would also require clinical reviews of individual patient records, including prescriptions subscribed. Therefore, this portion of your request is also declined under section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact us via email. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Ash".

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