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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10585

I refer to your email dated 7 April 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. **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).

Our data shows that Canterbury DHB has not performed any surgery related to a child being "intersex" within their first year of life during the time frame requested.

2. **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.**

Our data shows that Canterbury DHB has not made any referrals to other DHBs for intersex babies for surgery in their first year of life in the time frame requested.

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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

Yours sincerely



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