

23 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official information request W18-251**

I refer to your official information request dated 24 September 2018.

**Request:**

1. How many urogynaecological mesh procedures were undertaken at your DHB in the past year or the most recent full year data is available?
2. Can you break this information down by procedure type.
3. How many surgeons are currently implanting transvaginal mesh for stress urinary incontinence procedures in your DHB?
4. What are each of those surgeons' credentials?
5. How many of those surgeons meet all of the requirements developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care?

**Response:**

The information you have requested is below.

1. There have been five mesh procedures in the last year, all of them urethral slings.
2. As above.
3. This DHB has placed a temporary cessation on urogynaecological mesh procedures pending Ministry guidelines.
4. There are three surgeons that provide this service.
5. We are unable to comment on their credentialing, until they have returned from leave.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

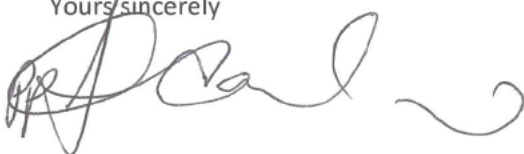
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Yours sincerely



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