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Re: Official Information Act request Gastric sleeve surgery

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 9 November 2019 requesting the following information.

Can you provide information on your criteria for gastric sleeve surgery?

Our bariatric service selection policy adheres to the National Institute of Health consensus guidelines for surgery for severe obesity, 1991.

At Auckland DHB, we give particular priority to those with comorbid conditions, especially type II diabetes, and obstructive sleep apnoea. Other conditions are also prioritised, for example those for who weight loss may provide a window for organ transplantation. All referrals are discussed at a multidisciplinary selection meeting, and the unique medical circumstances of each patient considered, before a group consensus is reached. We do not recommend specific operations, such as "gastric sleeve" at this selection meeting, but rather invite participants to attend a bariatric information seminar, where different types of surgery are discussed.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive