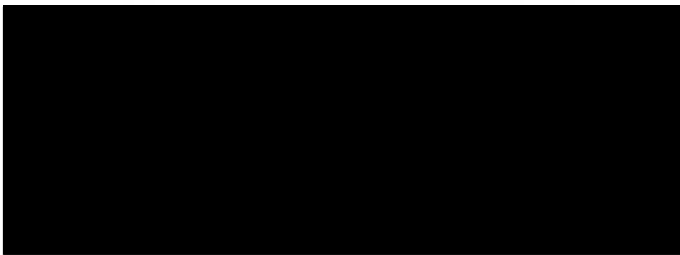


14 March 2019



**Re Official Information Request – health conditions and education**

I refer to your official information request of 21 December 2018 and clarified on 14 January 2019 seeking information about the following:

- a) your DHB's current core policy document on facilitating education access for inpatient and outpatient children and young clients (including tertiary age) and/or*
- b) your DHB's current core policy document on the transition and monitoring of transition from paediatric to adult services*
- c) your DHB's current core policy document on transitions and/or co-management between*
  - i. genetic and paediatric services*
  - ii. paediatric and other specialist services and*
  - iii. genetic and adult services.*

*Please also*

- 1) advise me if you do not have a written policy on any/each of the above, and*
- 2) if these situations are covered in a general DHB policy, and please send a link/copy of these policies.*

The information you have requested is enclosed below.

- a) your DHB's current core policy document on facilitating education access for inpatient and outpatient children and young clients (including tertiary age) and/or*

ADHB does not have a specific policy on facilitating education access for children and young people. Maintaining access to education while receiving health care is supported via the following means:

- access to the Northern Health School for children and adolescents in school years 1 – 13

<https://www.starship.org.nz/patients-parents-and-visitors/directory-of-services/Northern-Health-School/>

- service-specific guidance which supports education access
- Northern Regional Alliance Northern Youth Health Network Standards for quality care for Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) in secondary and tertiary care provides a core resource for services providing care to 12 – 24 year olds (refer link below).

<https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/public/paediatrics/kidz-first-centre-for-youth-health/im:693180/>

***b) your DHB's current core policy document on the transition and monitoring of transition from paediatric to adult services***

ADHB does not have a core policy document on the transition and monitoring of transition from paediatric to adult services. The AYA standards provide guidance on transition and there are also service-specific processes around transition from paediatric to adult services.

***b) your DHB's current core policy document on transitions and/or co-management between***

- i. genetic and paediatric services***
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- 1) advise me if you do not have a written policy on any/each of the above, and***
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ADHB does not have a core policy document on transitions and / or co-management between the services outlined. As noted above, the AYA standards provide guidance on transitions and the self-assessment tool guides service evaluation and development in this area.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours faithfully



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