

Question on Notice

No. 590

Asked on 26 May 2022

DR A MACMAHON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise what public pathways exist for gender-affirming healthcare, particularly orchidectomies for transgender women, in the Metro North and Metro South Hospital and Health Services?

ANSWER

I have been advised that currently there are no public health pathways available in Queensland for gender affirming surgery.

There is no Medicare item number specifying any surgical procedures for the purpose of gender affirmation. People seeking any form of gender affirming surgery, including an orchidectomy, must access this surgery privately.

The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) Gender Service is funded to provide assessment and affirmative treatment for people identifying as transgender, gender diverse or non-binary (TGDNB). This service provides medical affirmation, psychiatric and psychological assessment and treatment, psychosocial support and voice training for feminisation or masculinisation.