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20 December 2011

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Dear Tammy O' Connor,

Re: PAIA Request 0032/CHB/2011

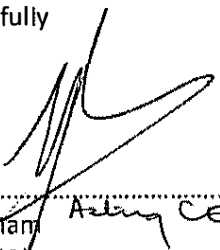
Further to your letter dated 15 December 2011, herewith our response, *albeit*, late:-

We have tried to source the relevant information from our Urological & Paediatric Surgery Departments.

- (i) Urology → has no record of cases having been operated on for genital surgery under the age of ten years for cases classified as "intersex" (Disorders of Sexual Differentiation) for the period of 2003-2010.
- (ii) Paediatric Surgery:
"As no statistical data specific to genital surgery cases under 10 years of age have been kept – the data requested can only be estimated".
It is estimated that 8-10 new cases per year of DSD are operated on, extrapolating information on this estimate, for 2003 – to 2010, we estimate that about 70 cases may have been operated on.

Please see e-mail from Dr. Loveland (Head of Paediatric Surgery)

Yours faithfully


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Dr. P. Lingham Acting CEO
(Deputy CEO)

Cc: Mrs. J. More

Tshaka, Dieketseng (GPHEALTH)

From: Soma, Nita (GPHEALTH)
Sent: 15 December 2011 11:49 AM
To: 'linghamp-dr@mweb.co.za'
Cc: Tshaka, Dieketseng (GPHEALTH)
Subject: FW: Hi Nita I need Intersex op numbers done at CHBAH re:PAIA request 0032/CHB/2011

Dear Pungie

Please receive the response Dr Loveland e-mailed to us in response to the request.

Thanks

Nita

From: Jerome Loveland [mailto:loveland@wol.co.za]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 6:44 AM
To: Soma, Nita (GPHEALTH); Linghamp Pungie
Subject: Re: Hi Nita I need Intersex op numbers done at CHBAH re:PAIA request 0032/CHB/2011

Hi

As CHBAH has no record system or patient database, it is impossible to give accurate figures, and an "estimate" is likely to be very inaccurate.

Please also note that the term "intersex" is no longer used and these patients are now categorized as having "Disorders of Sexual Differentiation"

Having said this, we operate on approximately 8-10 new patients with DSD every year. If you are to extrapolate this for 2003-2010, you are looking at 70 patients.

There is absolutely no way of telling whether these are inborn or outside referrals.

As this information is requested by the South African History Archive, I would be very hesitant to release it for any type of publication as it is purely speculative.

Kind Regards
Jerome Loveland

On 08 Nov 2011, at 9:16 AM, Soma, Nita (GPHEALTH) wrote:

Dear Dr Basiewicz and Dr Loveland

As per our telephonic discussion earlier and an instruction from Dr P.Lingham(Deputy CEO) it will be appreciated if the following can be reported in writing:

1. The Number of children who have had intersex operations from the years 2003 to 2010.
2. How many of these patients were CHBAH patients and how many patients were referred from other hospitals.

It will be appreciated if the report can be forwarded to myself and Dr P.Lingham.

Your assistance in this matter is highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Dr Nita Soma
SCE-Surgery

From: linghamp-dr@mweb.co.za [<mailto:linghamp-dr@mweb.co.za>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 8:37 AM
To: Soma, Nita (GPHEALTH)
Subject: Hi Nita I need Intersex op numbers done at CHBAH re:PAIA request 0032/CHB/2011

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From: tammy@saha.org.za
Sent: 2011-11-07 13:02:13
To: dieketseng.tshaka@gauteng.gov.za
Cc: linghamp-dr@mweb.co.za
Subject: PAIA request 0032/CHB/2011
Dear Ms Tshaka,

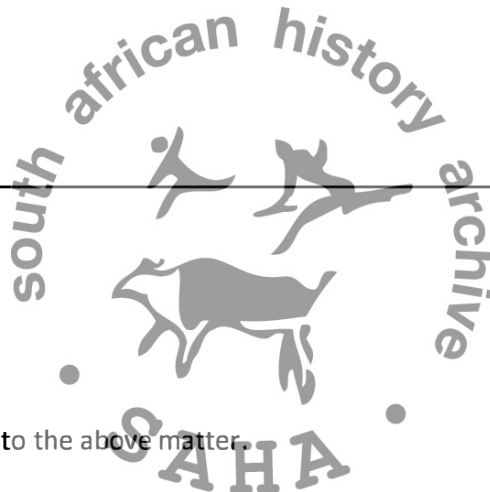
Please find attached letter in relation to the above matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
Tammy O'Connor

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CC: Dr P Lingham
 Deputy CEO
 By facsimile: 011 938 8161



Dear Ms More,

Re: PAIA Request 0032/CHB/2011

On 10 June 2011 the South African History Archive (SAHA) made a request to your Hospital for information under the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA).

The Hospital failed to respond to the request within the statutory time frame under PAIA and as a result SAHA lodged an internal appeal on 10 October 2011.

On 18 October the Hospital indicated that they never received the original PAIA request and requested it be resent. SAHA resent the request that day.

On 3 November SAHA again wrote to the Hospital requesting a response to the PAIA request. The Hospital responded that day by providing some of the information contained in the request.

On 7 November SAHA wrote to the Dr Lingham and his secretary, Dieketseng Tshaka, thanking them for the information provided but noting that the following information remained outstanding:

The number of children born in the hospital who were identified by an attending or treating health care or medical practitioner as intersex and on whom genital surgery was performed at the hospital (from 2006-2010) before the patient reached the age of 10 years.

SAHA requested that the hospital indicate when the outstanding information would be provided.

On 5 December SAHA again wrote to Dr Lingham and Ms Tshaka reminding them that a response remained outstanding and indicating that if no response had been received by 12 December, the internal appeal would be reinstated.

It is my desire to resolve this matter without need to resort to reinstating the internal appeal. Therefore, please ensure the outstanding requested information is provided by 22 December. If I

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have not received a response from you by that date I will write to the MEC for Health and Social Development.

Please note this letter constitutes the final attempt by SAHA to resolve this matter without involving the MEC.

Yours sincerely,

Tammy O'Connor
Advocacy and Training Outreach Officer
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Att: Dr. S.V. [REDACTED]

Dear Ntso



Please ensure that this information (requested several times before) reaches me ASAP, to avoid the MEC getting involved in an area for which we are responsible for providing the necessary information

Thanks

Rugie 15/12/2011