<Your full name>
<Address>
<Email>
<Phone>

<Health provider’s name>
<Address>
<Email>
<Phone>

To [whom it may concern / <contact name>],

I am writing to inform you that <child’s preferred name> will be commencing care with you [shortly / <date>]. [She is / He is / They are / <Other>] gender diverse.

[Her / His / Their / <Other>] gender identity does not align with the [female / male] gender [she / he / they / <other>] were assigned at birth. [She identifies / He identifies / They identify / <other>] as <gender identity>, which means their gender is [female / male / a mix of female and male / neither female nor male / <other description>].

**Personal details**

<Pronouns> [is / are] enrolled with you as: <Young person’s previously listed name>
<Pronouns> preferred name is: <Preferred name>
<Pronouns> personal pronouns are: <Pronouns>
<Pronouns> legal name is: <Legal name>

[I enclose a certified copy of <Name>’s new Birth Certificate / Change of Name Certificate / An updated Birth Certificate has been ordered and will be supplied to you once received.]

**Responsibility to provide safe, gender affirming care**

If they have not had previous experience treating young transgender, gender diverse, and non-binary people, we trust that <Name>’s doctor and other professionals who will be treating [her / him / them / <other>] will make a concerted effort to familiarise themselves with the following materials:

* [Australian Standards of Care and Treatment Guidelines: For trans and gender diverse children and adolescents](https://www.rch.org.au/uploadedFiles/Main/Content/adolescent-medicine/australian-standards-of-care-and-treatment-guidelines-for-trans-and-gender-diverse-children-and-adolescents.pdf) | Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne (2002)
* [Journey to Care: GPs can be a key part of a transgender patient’s pathway to whole-of-person healthcare](https://www.racgp.org.au/download/Documents/Good%20Practice/2017/April/GP2017-april-transgender-patients-journey-to-care.pdf) | RACGP (2017)

You may also want to view the following resources regarding gender diversity:

* [Concerns for Trans Clients](https://gendercentre.org.au/downloads/Concerns%20for%20Clients.pdf) | The Gender Centre Inc
* [Trans Pathways: The mental health experiences and care pathways of trans young people](https://www.telethonkids.org.au/globalassets/media/documents/brain--behaviour/trans-pathwayreport-web.pdf) | Telethon Kids Institute (2017)

I also trust that staff will make their best efforts to use <Name>’s correct name and pronouns at all times, and that if any person notices another staff member using an incorrect name or pronouns, to please correct that person immediately. We understand this is an adjustment that can take time to get used to and understand that mistakes can happen. In this case, a simple and sincere apology to <Name> will be most appreciated.

I request that, in line with federal legislation, <Name> has the freedom to access the [girls / boys / disabled / staff] toilet facilities and be kept safe from questions or harassment from staff when doing so.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me, please contact me at <your phone number and email>.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to working together to support <name>’s mental health and wellbeing during [her / his / their / <other>] gender transition.

<your signature>

<your full name>