

30 November 2021

**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Parts 1 – 7 and 10 – 11 from the Ministry of Health, and received 4 November 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> followed by clarification 5 November 2021, where you seek information on alcohol and drug residential centres:

- 1. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (Residential services & Support houses) were there between 2015 and 2021 broken down by year?  
What was the number of beds abatable in these services, broken down by year?**

NMH response: There has been one alcohol and drug residential treatment facility in the Nelson Marlborough region during the specified timeframe.

Table One outlines the number of bed day/nights available for NMH, by Financial Year (1 July – 30 June) since 2015/16. For your information, we have included the total number of bed day/nights available at the same facility for the South Island (SI) Region.

**TABLE ONE**

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22ytd
<b>NMH Bed day/nights</b>	732	1095	1095	1095	1098	1095	1095
<b>SI Bed day/nights</b>	4026	4015	4015	4015	4026	4015	4015

- 2. What were the names, and locations of these facilities?**

NMH response: St Marks Addiction Residential Treatment Centre in Blenheim, Marlborough.

- 3. How many government funded Live-in treatment services (residential services & support houses) closed between 2015 and 2021?**

NMH response: Nil.

- 4. What were the names of the facilities that closed, and locations of these facilities?**

NMH response: Not Applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

**5. How many people have been on the waiting list for these facilities between 2015, and 2021, broken down by year?**

NMH response: Table Two shows the number of people on the St Marks waitlist for the South Island region, by FY since 2015/16, noting further data breakdown by region, including for Nelson Marlborough, is not collected.

**TABLE TWIO**

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21ytd
People on waitlist	Between 110-140				128	132

**6. What is the average amount of time between 2015 and 2021, a person has been expected to wait for a place in these facilities?**

NMH response: 6 weeks.

**7. How many of these centres both live in treatment services and detox beds closed during lockdown periods? At what level are these services allowed to operate?**

NMH response: St Marks remained open during lockdown with single room occupancy at Level 4. There was also single room occupancy at Level 3, with some flexibility where people had received a negative COVID-19 test result.

**10. What was the average wait time for a drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021?**

NMH response: 6 weeks.

**11. On average how many people have been on the waiting list for drug and alcohol detox bed, between 2015 and 2021, broken down by year?**

NMH response: Please refer to Q5 response.

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Yours sincerely



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