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### **Response to a request for official information**



Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Parts 2 and Parts 3a, 3c, 3d, 3f, and 3g from the Ministry of Health, and received 21 September 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH), where you ask:

*I would like to request the following information from the Ministry of Health:*

***Part 2. Of the total amount of strokes in NZ in 2019, 2020 and 2021:***

***a. How many of the victims w[h]ere:***

- i. Overweight***
- ii. Diabetic***
- iii. High blood pressure / hypertension***
- iv. Atrial Fibrillation***
- v. High Cholesterol***
- vi. Smokers***
- vii. Identified as drinking alcohol regularly***
- viii. W[h]ere clinically depressed, or identified high stress levels***
- ix. W[h]ere medical misadventure strokes?***

***Part 3. Of the total amount of strokes and in NZ in 2019, 2020 and 2021:***

***a. How many received thrombolysis treatment?***

***c. How many were referred to either the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand or Stroke Central New Zealand?***

***i. By region for Central Region***

***d. How many received some kind of rehabilitation treatment?***

***f. How many w[h]ere secondary strokes?***

***g. How many resulted in disability?***

**Response:**

This response would take critical frontline staff away from their clinical work and prejudice our ability to provide core clinical services. Furthermore, NMH clinicians, managers and staff are concentrating on COVID-19 contingency measures for the Nelson Marlborough region. We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to these various parts of

your request would assist us in managing this work and have concluded it would not. We have, therefore, determined to refuse these elements of your request under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone 0800 802 602. If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz)

I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**