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**Supplementary response to a request for official information**

Further to your request for official information received 16 May 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> and our response dated 14 June 2019, thank you for your additional question in regard to the Question 3 response. Please see our revised response to Question 3 below.

**Question 3** *The number of patients, on average, seen by the different ophthalmologists (not to be recognizable but just labelled A, B, etc*

**Table 1A** [revised to show Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) only]

Treating Practitioner	Clinician ID	Ave Patients per Clinic
SMO	E	5.9
	F	36.0
	G	9.4
	H	14.2
	I	10.7
	J	10.8
	K	15.8
<b>SMO Average Patients per Clinic 12.2</b>		
<b>Average Patients per Clinic – all Clinicians 10.6</b>		

**Question 3A** *SMO "F" saw 36 patients which seems excessive for a clinic (presumably 3.5 to 4 hours). Is that correct or could there have been an error.*

NMH supplementary response:

The average 36 patients for Clinician "F" is correct, and based on two Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) working this clinic.

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Yours sincerely



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

14 June 2019

## Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 16 May 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>2</sup> where, as requested, we have provided information for the three month period February – April 2019.

*I would appreciate it if you could let me know over the past 3 months:*

1. *How many patients, on average, were seen per ophthalmologist's OPD clinic (i.e. morning or afternoon clinic)*

The average number of patients per Outpatient Ophthalmology clinic was 10.6.

2. *Whether the ophthalmologist had a registrar assisting*

A SMO had a Registrar in attendance at 3 Outpatient Ophthalmology clinics.

3. *The number of patients, on average, seen by the different ophthalmologists (not to be recognizable but just labelled A, B, etc*

Table 1

Treating Practitioner	Clinician ID	Ave Patients per Clinic
Registrar	A	27.0
	B	6.0
	C	6.4
	D	11.5
<b>Registrar Average Patients per Clinic 9.6</b>		
SMO	E	5.9
	F	36.0
	G	9.4
	H	14.2
	I	10.7
	J	10.8
	K	15.8
<b>SMO Average Patients per Clinic 12.2</b>		
<b>Average Patients per Clinic – all Clinicians 10.6</b>		

4. *The total number of patients seen over the period.*

2756.

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