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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Point 1 from Nelson City Council under section 12 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and received 21 June 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- *The number of suicides in Nelson in the last 20 years, broken down into years and months.*

The NMH hospital reporting systems do not capture cause of death, including suicide, however the Coronial Services Unit, Ministry of Justice publish annual suicide statistics available here: <https://coronialservices.justice.govt.nz/suicide/annual-suicide-statistics-since-2011/>

As such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(d) of the Act in *'that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available'*.

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 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

Please note that this letter (with your personal information removed), or an edited version of this letter, may be published on the Nelson Marlborough Health website.

Yours sincerely



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cc: Ministry of Health via email: SectorOIA@moh.govt.nz

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board