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Dear Tania

Thank you for your request for official information received 24 June 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 22 July 2019 where, as per your clarification 25 June 2019, you seek the following information for the last six months.

The Sunday programme would like to request some information regarding wait times for cancer treatment.

- 1. Have any people been harmed as a result of oncology and / or radiation wait times? If so, how many?***

NMH is unaware of patient harm as a result of oncology or radiation therapy wait times over the last six months.

- 2. Are there any reports that indicate and / or detail harm to patients as a result of oncology service wait times or radiation wait times? Can you supply those report(s)?***

NMH is unaware of any reports of this nature over the last six months.

- 3. Have any reports been provided indicating patients are being compromised by wait times to access first treatment of first specialist appointment? Can you supply those reports?***

NMH is unaware of any reports of this nature over the last six months.

- 4. Have any of your staff raised concerns about the adverse effects on patients due to waiting times?***

NMH has no documented record of staff concern of this nature over the last six months.

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.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator
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 this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Dr Peter Bramley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive

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