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**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information received 15 April 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> where you seek the following information:

- ***How many assaults against nurses by members of the public, broken down by each year from 2013-2018.***

Due to low numbers of physical assaults against nurses by members of the public, as outlined in Table 1, NMH declines to release exact numbers under Section 9(2)(a) 'to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'. In the circumstances, the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. Our current Incident Management System was implemented in 2015.

**Table 1**

Year	Count of File ID
2015	0
2016	<5*
2017	0
2018	<5*
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>&lt;5*</b>

\*The exact number is withheld to maintain the privacy of natural persons.

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

Yours sincerely



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