

Phone: 03 546 1723

Private Bag 18
Nelson, New Zealand

20 May 2019



Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 6 March 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, noting the partial transfer of Points 2 – 8 (of 11) to the Ministry of Justice Abortion Supervisory Committee 14 March 2019, followed by the necessary extension of time 2 April 2019, and notice of decision 3 May 2019, of which included our response for Points 1 and 9 - 10 and advice of further time needed to prepare the information for release for Point 11, where you seek the following information:

- 1. How many women in your district were between 20 - 24 weeks pregnant and approved for a surgical abortion in Australia each year between 2013 and 2018?**

NMH does not collect this data. As such, we decline to respond under section 18(g) of the Act in 'that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either (i) held by another department or organisation; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation'.

- ~~2. How many abortion procedures have been performed in your district each year between 2013 and 2018?~~
- ~~3. How many women were given the abortion pill in your district each year between 2013 and 2018?~~
- ~~4. How many women were given the abortion pill in your district and were 8 weeks pregnant or more when they received it, in each year between 2013 and 2018?~~
- ~~5. What is the latest stage of pregnancy a woman had an abortion in your district and for what reason?~~
- ~~6. How many women in your district had an abortion due to physical health concerns if the pregnancy was to continue? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)~~
- ~~7. How many women in your district had an abortion due to mental health concerns if the pregnancy was to continue? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)~~
- ~~8. Could you please give me an ethnic breakdown of all the women who have had abortions in your district each year between 2013 and 2018? and could you please include women who were given abortion pills to take home~~

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

9. How many women chose to take their pregnancies (foetus, tissue, product etc.) home after the abortion procedure? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)

NMH does not collect this data. As such, we decline to respond under section 18(g) of the Act in 'that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either (i) held by another department or organisation; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation'.

10. How many women chose to leave their pregnancies (foetus, tissue, product etc.) at the hospital to be cremated? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018)

NMH does not collect this data. As such, we decline to respond under section 18(g) of the Act in 'that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either (i) held by another department or organisation; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation'.

11. How many women changed their mind and canceled after their first appointment (or consult), second appointment (or consult), and even on the day? (Please break these figures down by each year between 2013 and 2018).

NMH does not have a system to electronically capture this information. As such, we decline to respond under section 18(e) of the Act in 'that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist'.

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



Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive

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