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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 6 May 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- 1. *How many consultants/senior doctors are rostered on and physically present on your hospital maternity wards on Saturdays and Sundays and between 10pm and 8am during the week?***

Rostered on-call only.

- 2. *If consultants/senior doctors are rostered on to work in the ward on the weekend, what times do their shifts start and end? (ie, is there someone there at all times?)***

Rostered on-call only.

- 3. *What times are consultants/senior doctors rostered on until during the week? (ie, is there someone there at all times?)***

8am – 4pm.

- 4. *Why are/why aren't consultants/senior doctors present/not present on the ward at all times?***

Duties require outpatient and theatre activity as well as ward duties.

- 5. *Are senior doctors/consultants on call for help on the maternity ward during the weekend and between 10pm and 8am on weekdays?***

Yes.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

6. How quickly are any on call-doctors expected to be able to be at the hospital?

10 – 15 minutes.

7. If senior doctors/consultants are not on the ward at all times, who is available to provide care to women when they are not present? (midwives, junior doctors etc)

Midwives and Registered Medical Officers.

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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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