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## Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 27 February 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> where you ask:

- ***Please provide information showing the number of procedures performed at Nelson Marlborough district health board in 2018 involving surgical mesh. Please provide a breakdown showing what these procedures were for (i.e implantation for SUI, removal, partial removal etc. Please note the 'categories' listed are examples, and provided to assist in understanding with the nature of this request. They are not absolute nor exhaustive). If you are unable to provide the information, please explain why. Please provide the same information for 2019, and the 9 prior years to 2018 (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009).***

Our reporting system is not set up to specifically identify 'mesh' from the coded surgical procedure data. It would take a significant amount of time and resources to manually extract the information requested and, as such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

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 Nelson Marlborough Health website.

Yours sincerely



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