

10 October 2019

**Response to a request for official information**

Dear 

Thank you for your request for official information received 24 September 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> where you seek the following information:

***1. The number of mastectomies, (single and double) and lumpectomies, undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.***

**TABLE 1**

Financial Year	Mastectomies
2015/16	88
2016/17	70
2017/18	58
2018/19	79

The number of Lumpectomies is not captured by a specific code in our reporting system, and it would involve a significant amount of resourcing to go through individual patient files. As such, NMH declines to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(f) 'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'.

***2. The number of breast reconstruction surgeries, (single and double), undertaken in respect of all hospitals and facilities under your jurisdiction, including any procedures which may have been contracted out to private health providers for whatever reason for the years 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.***

NMH has an agreement with Hutt Valley District Health Board to carry out breast reconstruction surgery as part of tertiary level service provision for Nelson Marlborough patients. The information you seek is not captured by NMH, therefore we suggest you contact Hutt Hospital Plastics Department.

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.


<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto: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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

Dr Peter Bramley  
**Chief Executive**

cc: Ministry of Health via email: [SectorOIA@moh.govt.nz](mailto:SectorOIA@moh.govt.nz)