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Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information as received 14 May 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- ***I wish to receive information relating to the number of births at Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board facilities and home births during the nationwide coronavirus lockdown from March 25 to April 27.
Can this information be broken down by location: at Nelson Hospital, Wairau Hospital, Golden Bay Community Hospital, other NMDHB facilities, or a home birth, and by date and sex***
- ***Can figures also be provided for the same period in 2019***

Please see Table 1 for Hospital births from 25 March to 27 April 2019 and 2020. The DHB does not have records of home births.

TABLE 1

		Female	Male
Golden Bay Community Hospital	2019	1	0
Motueka Maternity Unit	2019	3	1
	2020	2	4
Nelson Hospital	2019	26	40
	2020	47	29
Wairau Hospital	2019	27	25
	2020	15	19

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. 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

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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

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Chief Executive