

25 June 2020

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Via Email: ██████████

Response to a request for official information

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for official information received 22 June 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the information listed below.

In order to provide you with the information you are seeking we have liaised with the Manager of the White House and they have agreed to provide the following responses to your questions about their organisation:

1. *I would like to know what the current membership numbers of the White House are?*

Agreed response from the White House: The White House has 385 members of whom approximately 80 members are currently active. Membership of the White House does not expire.

2. *How many more members could they currently take on?*

Agreed response from the White House: The White House, like Nikau House is a service that supports members turning up. Members choose when they do or don't drop in. It would be unusual for the White House to have 30 members on the premises at any one time except when special events are organised. On Fridays in particular, the White House would regularly have 20 or more members attending the weekly Friday meeting.

3. *What is their maximum capacity?*

Agreed response from the White House: The White House states that going beyond 30 people, especially if they are all inside, would be challenging however the health and safety limit is 100 people.

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