

12 June 2020

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Part 1 (of 2) from the Ministry of Health and received 1 May 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by revised scope sought by NMH 15 May 2020, where you seek the following information:

- ***I respectfully request a copy of each referral pathway for each region in New Zealand***

NMH response

To date, we do not appear to have received a reply to our invitation for you to consider narrowing the scope of your request to selected pathways so as to be readily retrievable. As such, NMH declines to respond under section 12(2) 'the official information requested shall be specified with due particularity in the request'.

The DHB maintains a system of clinical referral pathway tools to support Primary Care practitioners across many clinical specialties and diagnoses, including consistent guidance on when to refer for a Specialist opinion. The Nelson Marlborough pathways are accessible to clinicians at this link: <https://nm.healthpathways.org.nz/>

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 OIRequest@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



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¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board