

6 December 2019

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Via Email: [Redacted]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request for official information as received 27 November 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

- *The number of failed female sterilisation failures (due to operator failure, equipment failure, natural causes or for unknown reason) performed at NMDHB facilities between 1995 and 2005*

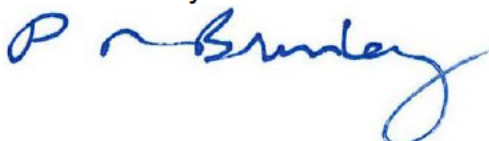
This information is not clinically coded in our reporting systems and it would involve a significant amount of time and resources to go through individual patient files for the specified timeframe. As such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available 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 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 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

cc: Ministry of Health via email: SectorOIAs@moh.govt.nz

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board