

6 October 2020

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information and clarification received 8 September 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

For the period September 1 2019 to August 31 2020, a weekly breakdown of the following information:

1. ED presentations

NMH response: Please refer to Table 1 and Graph 1.

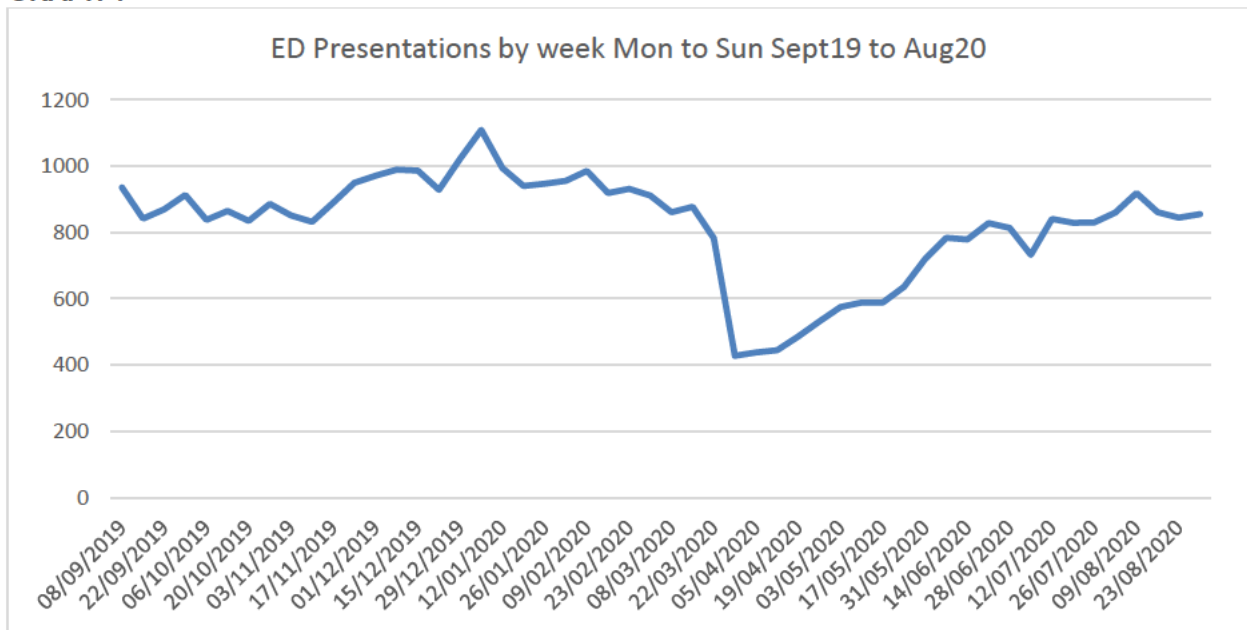
TABLE 1

Arrival week Mon – Sun	ED Presentations
02/09/2019 - 08/09/2019	935
09/09/2019 - 15/09/2019	842
16/09/2019 - 22/09/2019	870
23/09/2019 - 29/09/2019	913
30/09/2019 - 06/10/2019	838
07/10/2019 - 13/10/2019	865
14/10/2019 - 20/10/2019	835
21/10/2019 - 27/10/2019	886
28/10/2019 - 03/11/2019	851
04/11/2019 - 10/11/2019	832
11/11/2019 - 17/11/2019	890
18/11/2019 - 24/11/2019	950
25/11/2019 - 01/12/2019	971
02/12/2019 - 08/12/2019	989
09/12/2019 - 15/12/2019	986
16/12/2019 - 22/12/2019	928
23/12/2019 - 29/12/2019	1022
30/12/2019 - 05/01/2020	1109
06/01/2020 - 12/01/2020	994
13/01/2020 - 19/01/2020	940
20/01/2020 - 26/01/2020	947
27/01/2020 - 02/02/2020	955
03/02/2020 - 09/02/2020	985

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10/02/2020 - 16/02/2020	919
17/02/2020 - 23/02/2020	931
24/02/2020 - 01/03/2020	911
02/03/2020 - 08/03/2020	861
09/03/2020 - 15/03/2020	877
16/03/2020 - 22/03/2020	783
23/03/2020 - 29/03/2020	428
30/03/2020 - 05/04/2020	438
06/04/2020 - 12/04/2020	445
13/04/2020 - 19/04/2020	486
20/04/2020 - 26/04/2020	532
27/04/2020 - 03/05/2020	575
04/05/2020 - 10/05/2020	589
11/05/2020 - 17/05/2020	589
18/05/2020 - 24/05/2020	636
25/05/2020 - 31/05/2020	720
01/06/2020 - 07/06/2020	784
08/06/2020 - 14/06/2020	779
15/06/2020 - 21/06/2020	828
22/06/2020 - 28/06/2020	814
29/06/2020 - 05/07/2020	732
06/07/2020 - 12/07/2020	841
13/07/2020 - 19/07/2020	829
20/07/2020 - 26/07/2020	830
27/07/2020 - 02/08/2020	860
03/08/2020 - 09/08/2020	919
10/08/2020 - 16/08/2020	861
17/08/2020 - 23/08/2020	844
24/08/2020 - 30/08/2020	855

GRAPH 1

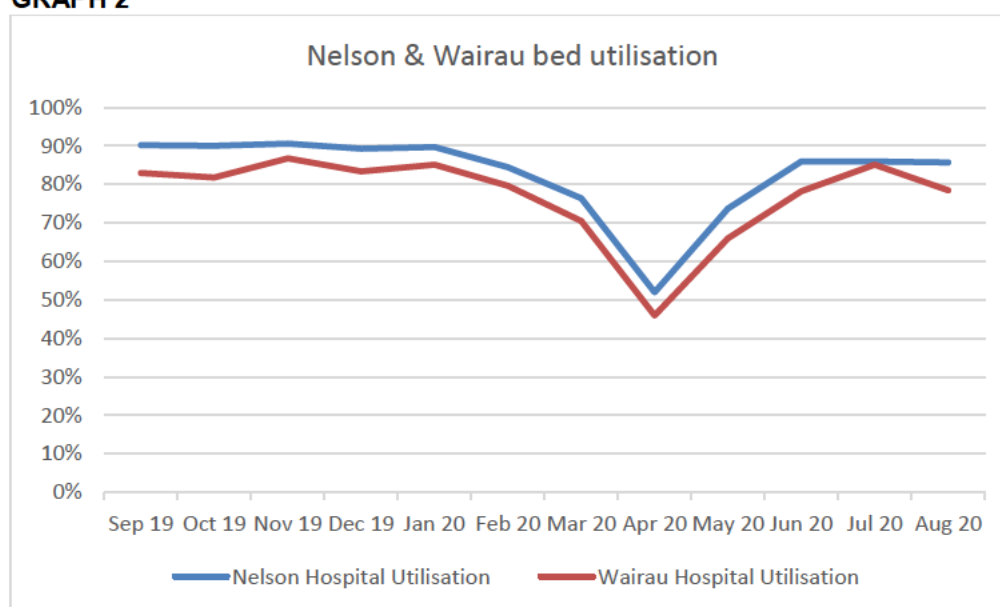


2. Overall hospital capacity

NMH response: The DHB hospital reporting system does not electronically capture overall occupancy data. As such, we refuse this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act in 'that the information requested is not held by the department or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either (i) held by another department or organisation; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation'.

Graph 2 depicts changes in bed utilisation, by hospital, for the specified time frame.

GRAPH 2



3. The overall number of referrals received for first specialist assessments [FSA] for planned care, and the number of [medical and surgical] FSAs that took place

NMH response; Please refer to Table 2.

TABLE 2

Arrival week Mon – Sun	FSA Referrals	FSA Appointments
02/09/2019 - 08/09/2019	553	548
09/09/2019 - 15/09/2019	551	555
16/09/2019 - 22/09/2019	549	538
23/09/2019 - 29/09/2019	613	527
30/09/2019 - 06/10/2019	551	586
07/10/2019 - 13/10/2019	570	500
14/10/2019 - 20/10/2019	481	486
21/10/2019 - 27/10/2019	525	512
28/10/2019 - 03/11/2019	579	460
04/11/2019 - 10/11/2019	460	423
11/11/2019 - 17/11/2019	618	564
18/11/2019 - 24/11/2019	664	585

25/11/2019 - 01/12/2019	568	529
02/12/2019 - 08/12/2019	617	574
09/12/2019 - 15/12/2019	672	521
16/12/2019 - 22/12/2019	669	676
23/12/2019 - 29/12/2019	305	185
30/12/2019 - 05/01/2020	236	78
06/01/2020 - 12/01/2020	579	557
13/01/2020 - 19/01/2020	624	609
20/01/2020 - 26/01/2020	564	559
27/01/2020 - 02/02/2020	591	484
03/02/2020 - 09/02/2020	434	331
10/02/2020 - 16/02/2020	526	513
17/02/2020 - 23/02/2020	580	610
24/02/2020 - 01/03/2020	651	523
02/03/2020 - 08/03/2020	484	502
09/03/2020 - 15/03/2020	676	589
16/03/2020 - 22/03/2020	558	565
23/03/2020 - 29/03/2020	345	365
30/03/2020 - 05/04/2020	217	278
06/04/2020 - 12/04/2020	199	271
13/04/2020 - 19/04/2020	245	284
20/04/2020 - 26/04/2020	264	282
27/04/2020 - 03/05/2020	289	231
04/05/2020 - 10/05/2020	371	373
11/05/2020 - 17/05/2020	398	387
18/05/2020 - 24/05/2020	430	403
25/05/2020 - 31/05/2020	533	457
01/06/2020 - 07/06/2020	450	401
08/06/2020 - 14/06/2020	550	529
15/06/2020 - 21/06/2020	633	528
22/06/2020 - 28/06/2020	732	536
29/06/2020 - 05/07/2020	579	569
06/07/2020 - 12/07/2020	682	583
13/07/2020 - 19/07/2020	660	600
20/07/2020 - 26/07/2020	586	670
27/07/2020 - 02/08/2020	605	560
03/08/2020 - 09/08/2020	740	609
10/08/2020 - 16/08/2020	635	581
17/08/2020 - 23/08/2020	574	537
24/08/2020 - 30/08/2020	641	528

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Sinclair', written in a cursive style.

Eric Sinclair
Acting Chief Executive