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Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 28 January 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information.

- ***Could you please advise how many people received bariatric surgery (gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery) through the DHB and the age of the individual, each calendar year, from 2010 to 2018.***

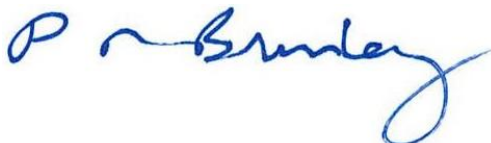
NMH responds that we do not perform bariatric surgery. NMH domiciled patients are referred to Canterbury DHB and the numbers of NMH domiciled patients could be requested from Canterbury DHB.

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

Please note that this letter (with your personal information removed), or an edited version of this letter, may be published on the Nelson Marlborough Health website.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive**

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¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board