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Response to a request for official information

Dear ██████

Thank you for your request for official information received 14 January 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information for the last 12 months:

- 1. Number and location of PET (positron emission tomography) and PET-CT (positron emission tomography-computed tomography) scanning machines [in NZ]**
- 2. Current working condition of each of these machines - for example whether they are in top working condition, in need of upgrade/refurbishment, or broken**
- 3. The timeline and anticipated cost for the repair or replacement of any PET or PETCT machines which are currently broken or in need of upgrade/refurbishment**
- 4. Current patient waiting times for PET and PET-CT scans, [with these figures broken down by DHB] and reason for scan (ie breast cancer detection, prostate cancer detection etc)**
- 5. Forecast patient waiting times for PET and PET-CT scans over the next six months, [with these figures broken down by DHB] and reason for scan**

NMH does not own or operate Positron Emission Tomography (PET) or Positron Emission Tomography Computed Tomography (PET-CT) scanning machines. Nelson Marlborough patients who require a PET or PET-CT are predominantly oncology patients and are referred to Canterbury District Health Board for PET for cancer management.

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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¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board