



3 October 2019

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**Response to a request for official information**

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request for official information received 22 August 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> where you seek the following information:

***Data regarding the percentages of Māori who have had colonoscopies [given that Māori are likely to be diagnosed later with more advanced colorectal cancers] in the past year (or financial year), as compared with the percentage of Māori in the local population***

**TABLE 1 NMH – Percentage of Maori who have had a Colonoscopy July 2018 – June 2019**

DHB_name	Nelson Marlborough		% of Total Population identified as Maori	Total Colonoscopies		% of Maori Population having Colonoscopies as a % of Total Colonoscopies	% of Total Colonoscopies as a % of Age Group
	Maori	Total		Maori	Total		
Age_Group	Population	Population					
00-04	1,780	8,150	21.8%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
05-09	1,780	9,260	19.2%	0	1	0.0%	0.0%
10-14	1,670	9,660	17.3%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
15-19	1,520	8,480	17.9%	0	5	0.0%	0.1%
20-24	1,350	6,630	20.4%	0	18	0.0%	0.3%
25-29	1,030	7,470	13.8%	4	17	23.5%	0.2%
30-34	810	7,520	10.8%	6	36	16.7%	0.5%
35-39	790	7,610	10.4%	5	55	9.1%	0.7%
40-44	840	8,560	9.8%	4	73	5.5%	0.9%
45-49	960	10,510	9.1%	4	124	3.2%	1.2%
50-54	890	10,700	8.3%	5	158	3.2%	1.5%
55-59	840	11,610	7.2%	21	199	10.6%	1.7%
60-64	590	10,800	5.5%	13	320	4.1%	3.0%
65-69	460	10,010	4.6%	16	340	4.7%	3.4%
70-74	310	8,880	3.5%	11	340	3.2%	3.8%
75-79	210	6,110	3.4%	6	253	2.4%	4.1%
80-84	100	3,920	2.6%	0	57	0.0%	1.5%
85-89	40	2,430	1.6%	0	14	0.0%	0.6%
90+	20	1,420	1.4%	0	1	0.0%	0.1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,990</b>	<b>149,730</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

**NOTE: Includes patients having combined Colonoscopy/Gastroscopy**

\*Using Statistics NZ DHB Summary Projections 2013-Base (2016 Update)

<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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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 blue ink, appearing to read 'P Bramley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Peter Bramley  
**Chief Executive**

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