

27 September 2019

Response to a request for official information

Dear 

Thank you for your request for official information received 22 July 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ followed by the necessary extension of time 16 August 2019 where you seek the following information (enumerated for ease of reference):

For each of the quarters beginning Q3 2017 to Q3 2019 (inclusive of both) could you please provide:

- 1. Quarterly totals, separated by modality, of DHB expenditure on outsourcing examinations in the following imaging modalities: General X-ray/plain films; CT; MRI; Angiography and Cath Lab; Mammography.***
- 2. Quarterly total numbers of outsourced examinations in the following imaging modalities: General X-ray/plain films; CT; MRI; Angiography and Cath Lab; Mammography.***

Please refer to the Appendix Table 1 for our response to Questions 1 and 2.

- 3. Budgeted FTE and Actual FTE figures at the last day of each quarter (but for the present quarter the most up-to-date data available at the time of your response to this request) separated out by the following: General X-ray/plain films; CT; MRI; Nuclear Medicine; Angiography and Cath Lab; Mammography; RIS/PACS; Radiology Assistants.***

Please refer to the Appendix Table 2 for our response to Question 3.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

4. Quarterly totals of 'Weekend Work Penalty Clause' payments made pursuant to Clause 8.0 of the APEX & DHBs MRT MECA.

Table 2

Quarter	Amount Paid
2017 Q3	2750
2017 Q4	2250
2018 Q1	3000
2018 Q2	4750
2018 Q3	5750
2018 Q4	6500
2019 Q1	7000
2019 Q2	3000
2019 Q3	2750

5. Quarterly expenditure on overtime payments made under Clause 7.5 of the MRT MECA due to employees not being provided with an adequate continuous break.

Table 3

Quarter	Amount Paid
2017 Q3	353.16
2017 Q4	2264.56
2018 Q1	2283.47
2018 Q2	1502.96
2018 Q3	2244.58
2018 Q4	2767.36
2019 Q1	948.92
2019 Q2	1686.29
2019 Q3	3897.45

6. Complete data for the below table for in-patients.

Table 4

Average Patient Wait Times by Urgency as at July 2019				
Exam Dept	Urgent	High Suspicion of Cancer	Semi-urgent	Non-urgent
MRI	0 – 1 day	0 – 3 days	0 – 3 days	0 – 3 days
Nuclear Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mammography	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CT	1 hour	0 – 1 day	0 – 1 day	0 – 1 day
Angiography/ Cardiology	30 mins – 1 hour	N/A	0 – 1 day	1 – 2 days
Fluoroscopy	Same day	1 – 3 days	1 – days	1 – 5 days
Theatre	Stat on time of request	When booked	When booked	When booked
Emergency - General	Within 1 hour	N/A	Within 1 hour	1 – 2 hours
General - Other	Within 1 hour	Same day	Same day	Same day

7. Complete data for the below table for out-patients.

Table 5

Average Patient Wait Times by Urgency as at July 2019				
Exam Dept	Urgent	High Suspicion of Cancer	Semi-urgent	Non-urgent
MRI	Within 1 week	2 weeks	2 – 4 weeks	4 – 6 weeks
Nuclear Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mammography	1 week	2 weeks	2-4 weeks	By planned date
CT	0 – 1 day	1 – 2 weeks	1 – 2 weeks	4 – 6 weeks
Angiography/ Cardiology	Stat	N/A	Not managed by radiology	Not managed by radiology
Fluoroscopy	Same day	2 weeks	2-4 weeks	4 – 10 weeks
Theatre	Stat	When booked	When booked	When booked
Emergency - General	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
General - Other	1 day	1-2 weeks	1-2 weeks	1-2 weeks

8. The following details on all current vacancies/advertised positions for all employees whose work falls within the coverage clause of the MRT MECA – i.e. all MIT, MRI, etc. roles.

a. Position title.

NMH response: Staff MIT

b. FTE of the role, broken down by modality where applicable.

NMH response: 0.9 FTE General

c. How many weeks the role has gone unfilled/how long the role has been advertised for, whichever is longer.

NMH response: 1 week

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 this.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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

APPENDIX

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2. Quarterly total numbers of outsourced examinations in the following imaging modalities: General X-ray/plain films; CT; MRI; Angiography and Cath Lab; Mammography.

TABLE 1

Financial Year	2017 FY		2018 FY				2019 FY			
	Q3 2017 Jan-Mar 2017	Q4 2017 Apr-June 2017	Q1 2018 July-Sept 2017	Q2 2018 Oct-Dec 2017	Q3 2018 Jan-Mar 2018	Q4 2018 Apr-June 2018	Q1 2019 July-Sept 2018	Q2 2019 Oct-Dec 2018	Q3 2019 Jan-Mar 2019	Q4 2019 Apr-June 2019
Outsourced Examinations Cost										
General x-ray/plain films										
CT		3070	20749	3298	9338	16771	1243	1341		
MRI	5618	12080	5618	3032	1737	1352	9717	485	1343	
Angiography & Cath Lab						1519				
Mammography	802	44		45	323					
Outsourced Examinations Volumes										
General x-ray/plain films										
CT		5	29	5	11	12	1	1		
MRI	3	4	3	2	1	1	4	1	1	
Angiography & Cath Lab						1				
Mammography	3	1		1	2					

3. Budgeted FTE and Actual FTE figures at the last day of each quarter (but for the present quarter the most up-to-date data available at the time of your response to this request) separated out by the following: General X-ray/plain films; CT; MRI; Nuclear Medicine; Angiography and Cath Lab; Mammography; RIS/PACS; Radiology Assistants.

TABLE 2

Financial Year	2017 FY				2018 FY								2019 FY							
Periods	Q3 2017 Jan-Mar 2017		Q4 2017 Apr-June 2017		Q1 2018 July-Sept 2017		Q2 2018 Oct-Dec 2017		Q3 2018 Jan-Mar 2018		Q4 2018 Apr-June 2018		Q1 2019 July-Sept 2018		Q2 2019 Oct-Dec 2018		Q3 2019 Jan-Mar 2019		Q4 2019 Apr-June 2019	
Budgeted FTE and Actual FTE	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
General x-ray/plain films	30.37	30.17	30.37	33.37	29.18	31.21	28.82	32.04	31.18	28.03	30.93	31.98	35.37	35.81	36.73	36.97	36.48	40.12		
CT																				
MRI	3.81	2.85	3.82	3.36	3.91	3.41	3.86	3.2	4.15	2.79	3.92	3.19	3.75	2.88	3.9	3.33	3.84	2.36		
Nuclear Medicine																				
Angiography & Cath Lab																				
Mammography																				
RIS/PACS																				
Radiology Assistants	3.93	5.01	3.93	4.85	4.27	6.22	4.26	4.66	4.6	4.26	4.51	4.38	4.78	4.53	4.79	5.61	5.16	6.06		

NOTES FOR TABLE 2

- Outsourced examinations costs and volumes: excludes Nelson mammography contract for service as provided by PRG Nelson DBI, At Risk and Surgical Breast and Wairau MRI sessions as agreement for sessions provided from PRG Marlborough

FTE includes sonographers and not itemised by dept. Combined general, CT, angiography & Cath Lab, Mammography WR and RIS/PACS provided. District wide there is no nuclear service

Nelson Radiology Mon-Friday MRT 24hr roster, gradual recruitment of MRT commencement in Q3 2019 FY with go live on 1.4.2019. Budget for this roster 8.1 FTE provided at start of 2020FY. 2020FY also provides an additional 0.62 FTE for MRT and 0.33 FTE for Radiology Assistants

Excludes IDF (Inter-district flows)