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### Response to a request for official information

Dear [Redacted]

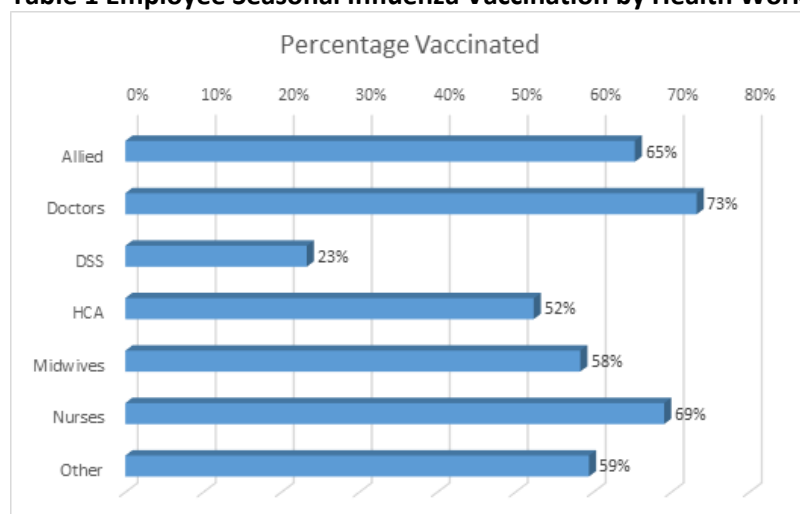
Thank you for your request for official information received 25 July 2019 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> followed by the necessary extension of time 16 August 2019 and notice of decision 19 September 2019 where you seek the following information:

- 1. Any information the DHB holds about vaccination/immunization rates for its health workers, including the various rates for midwives, nurses and doctors working for the DHB.**
- 2. Any information the DHB holds about trends in vaccination rates for health workers over the previous decade, and whether any measures have been taken to increase uptake.**
- 3. Any information the DHB holds about vaccination rates for its health workers specifically from Pertussis/Whooping cough, seasonal 'flu and MMR.**

### Seasonal Influenza

The overall NMH employee seasonal influenza vaccination rate, recorded 3 July 2019, is 60%.

**Table 1 Employee Seasonal Influenza Vaccination by Health Workforce Groupings**



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

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HCA: Health Care Assistant

DHB Health Care Worker influenza immunization coverage rates by DHB up to and including 2018 are publicly available [here](#) and, as such, NMH declines to respond to this aspect of your request under section 18(d) of the Act *'the information requested is ... publicly available'*.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)

**Table 2 Employee MMR Vaccinations since 1999 as at 26-07-2019**

Work Group	Number of Employees		Number of Employees	
	Not Vaccinated	Percentage	Vaccinated	Percentage
ALLIED	805	95.83%	35	4.17%
MENTAL HEALTH	521	97.75%	12	2.25%
MEDICAL	219	80.51%	53	19.49%
NURSING	1036	93.84%	68	6.16%
SUPPORT	192	96.48%	7	3.52%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2773</b>	<b>94.06%</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5.94%</b>

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Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

**TABLE 2 Employee Pertussis Vaccinations since 2012 as at 26-07-2019**

Work Group	Number of Employees		Number of Employees	
	Not Vaccinated	Percentage	Vaccinated	Percentage
ALLIED	734	87.69%	103	12.31%
MENTAL HEALTH	477	90.00%	53	10.00%
MEDICAL	143	51.81%	133	48.19%
NURSING	725	65.26%	386	34.74%
SUPPORT	156	78.00%	44	22.00%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2235</b>	<b>75.66%</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>24.34%</b>

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**TABLE 3 Employee Pertussis Vaccinations since 2012 as at 11-01-2018**

Work Group	Number of Employees		Number of Employees		Total Number of Employees
	Not Vaccinated	Percentage	Vaccinated	Percentage	
ALLIED	717	90.30%	77	9.70%	794
MENTAL HEALTH	442	93.45%	31	6.55%	473
MEDICAL	158	57.88%	115	42.12%	273
NURSING	723	72.08%	280	27.92%	1003
SUPPORT	142	82.08%	31	17.92%	173
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2182</b>	<b>80.34%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>19.66%</b>	<b>2716</b>

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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto: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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