

22 December 2020

Via Email: [REDACTED]

### **Response to a request for official information**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 8 December 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup> where you seek information on Hip and Knee Joint Replacements.

Please note volumes are based on the Hip and Knee Joint initiative procedure (ICD-10)<sup>2</sup> codes, which include "Revision" procedures, and our response covers the specified period 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2020.

- 1. The number of patients who received a hip replacement for the period of 1/1/20 – 30/11/20.**

NMH response: This figure includes "Hip Revisions" = 225.

- 2. The number of patients who received a knee replacement for the period of 1/1/20 – 30/11/20**

NMH response: This figure includes "Knee Revisions" = 159

- 3. The number of patients who received a hip replacement who were referred by a private specialist.**

NMH response: Referrals received from a "Private health practitioner" = 28.

- 4. The number of patients who received a knee replacement who were referred by a private specialist.**

NMH response: Referrals received from a "Private health practitioner" = 26.

- 5. The number of patients who received a knee or hip replacement that were referred privately by a specialist who also contracts or works for your DHB.**

NMH response: Referrals received from a "Private health practitioner" = 54.

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

<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems

**6. The number of privately referred patients who do not have to undertake a first specialist appointment.**

NMH response: Nil; patients who go to a private provider generally do not need a subsequent Orthopaedic First Specialist Appointment (FSA) with us.

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](http://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 [OIRequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIRequest@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.

Yours sincerely



Dr Peter Bramley  
**Chief Executive**