

3 September 2020

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Response to a request for official information

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Thank you for your request for official information received 3 August 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 28 August 2020, where you seek the following information:

1. Number of mental health inpatient facility beds at DHB, by name of facility?

NMH response: Please see Table One.

TABLE ONE:

Facility	Inpatient Beds
Wahi Oranga Adult Mental Health Inpatient Unit	30
Alexandra Hospital Older Persons Mental Health Unit	10

2. Number of people admitted as mental health inpatients who identify as transgender or gender diverse in the last 12 months?

NMH response: A data search of our Patient Administration System, using clinical coding for the descriptions in Table Two below, captured less than five patients discharged from Wāhi Oranga Mental Health Inpatient Unit between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 who identified as Transgender / Gender Diverse.

TABLE TWO:

Dual-role transvestism
Gender identity disorder of childhood
Egodystonic orientation
Transsexualism
Fetishistic transvestism
Sexual maturation disorder
Other gender identity disorders
Gender identity disorder, unspecified

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

Due to low numbers (<5) there is risk of individual identifiability and, as such, the exact number is withheld under Section 9(2)(a) *'to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'*. In the circumstances, the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

3. Total number of people admitted as mental health inpatients in the last 12 months?

NMH response: 292 people were admitted as mental health inpatients between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, noting some patients may have had more than one admission within the reporting period.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Sinclair', written in a cursive style.

Eric Sinclair
Acting Chief Executive