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Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 19 January 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information.

- 1. For 2020, the number of screens for diabetic retinopathy purchased, the number of screens delivered, and the DNA rate.**

NMH response:

TABLE ONE

Planned screens	1,802
Screens performed	1,872
DNA Rate	13%

- 2. The estimated number of people living with diabetes within the DHB.**

NMH response: The Ministry of Health [Virtual Diabetes Register](#) includes Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and reports 6316 people in the Nelson Marlborough district with diabetes in 2019.

- 3. How many diabetic retinopathy screening episodes were delivered during lockdown, and how long any disruption lasted (i.e when did screening return to 'normal').**

NMH response: Two patients were seen during lockdown (26/03/2020 to 26/04/2020), and screening volumes returned to normal during May 2020.

- 4. On January 1 2021, how many new referrals were on the wait list for their first screening visit, the average time spent on this wait list, and the longest individual time spent waiting.**

NMH response:

TABLE TWO

Number of new referrals waiting	1,059
Average of days on wait list	103
Longest individual days waiting	102

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

5. On January 1 2021, how many existing patients were overdue for their follow up screening appointment, the average overdue time, and the longest individual time overdue.

NMH response:

TABLE THREE

Number overdue for follow-up appointment	3
Average of days overdue	26
Longest individual days overdue	61

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Yours sincerely



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