


22 April 2021



Via Email 

Response to a request for official information

Dear 

Thank you for your request for official information received 30 March 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

- 1. The number of children (aged 0-14) recorded by your DHB with the following conditions in the years 2014, 2017 and 2020? Whooping cough, rheumatic fever, bronchiolitis, broncho pneumonia, serious dental disease, malnutrition***

NMH response: Please see Table One. COVID-19 impacted on our 2020 Planned Care delivery.

TABLE ONE

| Hospital Inpatient Admissions for Children aged 0 – 14 Years | | | |
|--|------|------|------|
| Condition | 2014 | 2017 | 2020 |
| Whooping Cough | <3 | <3 | 0 |
| Rheumatic Fever | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bronchiolitis | 78 | 102 | 23 |
| Broncho Pneumonia | <3 | 5 | 0 |
| Serious Dental Disease | 245 | 243 | 200 |
| Malnutrition | <3 | 0 | 0 |

Please note information for categories with fewer than three individuals are 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.

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

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive