

27 April 2021

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 7 April 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

- 1. *How many intersex children have had genital surgery within their first year of life? Could I please have this from 2016 to 2021, broken down into the number each year and the overall number for the past five years.***

NMH response: We do not provide this type of surgery, and these children would be referred to another centre.

- 2. *Could I also request how many referrals have been made to other DHBs for intersex babies in their first year of life looking for the surgery in other DHB regions. Could I please have this from 2016 to 2021, broken down into the number each year and the overall number for the past five years.***

NMH response: We do not collect this information, and it would take a significant amount of time and resources to go through individual patient files. As such, NMH declines to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*. 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



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Chief Executive

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