


7 May 2021

Via Email: 

Response to a request for official information

Dear 

Thank you for your request for official information received 9 April 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

- 1. In the past 12 months, what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?***

NMH response: In Calendar Year 2020, 537 patients were accepted to our waitlist for a Major Joint Replacement (Shoulder, Hip or Knee), and of those, 398 patients were admitted for Elective Major Joint Replacement surgery, noting COVID-19 impacted on our 2020 Planned Care delivery.

- 2. In 2017 what proportion of your DHB patients that were referred to a waiting list by a surgeon, for a joint replacement, were accepted onto the list and got surgery?***

NMH response: In Calendar Year 2017, 588 patients were accepted to our waitlist for a Major Joint Replacement, and of those, 508 patients were admitted for Elective Major Joint Replacement surgery.

- 3. Is the DHB able to comment on whether there are enough GPs in the region?***

NMH response: In reference to the accepted definition of official information 'held', agencies are required to provide a fact-based response. There is no obligation to create information and/or form an opinion and, as such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(g) 'the information requested is not held.'

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 flourish at the end.

Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive