

27 April 2021

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 9 February 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by clarification 11 February 2021 and 22 February 2021, a necessary extension of time 9 March 2021 and notice of decision 12 April 2021, where you seek the following information.

PART A Women's health

1. *Waiting times for urogynaecology*

NMH response: Average wait time for Planned Care surgery in 2020 was 82 days.

2. *Waiting times for colorectal surgery CLARIFICATION: ... surgery to repair colorectal tears incurred during birth.*

NMH response: There is no wait time for repair of perineal tears that can occur during childbirth.

3. *Waiting times for pelvic physiotherapy*

NMH response: Referrals are reviewed by a senior Physiotherapist and the wait time can be up to four months.

4. *Staffing levels for gynaecologists/urogynaecologists and physiotherapists*

NMH response: Please see Table One for Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing.

TABLE ONE

Womens Health Services		FTE
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapists	27.4
Gynaecology	Senior Medical Officers	5.6
Urogynaecology	Urologist	0.7

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

5. Staffing levels for specialist pelvic physiotherapists.

NMH response: Physiotherapists work across a number of services, however it is estimated that 0.5 FTE is specific to Pelvic Health.

PART B Mental health CLARIFICATION: The entire mental health service.

- 6. Deaths occurring in mental health in-patient unit each year, for the last five years, and the cause of death (or suspected cause)**
- 7. Deaths of former mental health in-patients occurring within one week of discharge, and cause of death (or suspected cause). Figures for each year, for the last five years please.**
- 8. How many of these deaths were referred to the coroner? Figures for each year, for five years please.**

NMH response: Reliable information is held in individual patient files and, as such, NMH declines to respond to this aspect under section 18(f) 'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'. Statistical data including cause of death is prepared by [Coronial Services of NZ](#)

9. Staffing levels for psychiatrists; psychologists and nursing

NMH response: Please see Table Two for Financial Year 2020/21.

TABLE TWO

Mental Health Services	Budgeted FTE
Nurses	132.8
Psychologists	20.9
Psychiatrists	15.0
Medical staff – psychiatry related work	8.00

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Yours sincerely



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