

11 May 2021

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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 7 May 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

- 1. Please provide the gift registers held by the DHB about gifts/contributions/received items given to DHB employees (including medical professionals) for the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.***

NMH response: We have a Sensitive Expenditure Policy that covers the accepting of gifts and hospitality. This policy requires that gifts be notified to the employee's manager and that the value for any gift accepted should not be excessive and should be appropriate for the occasion or reason. Please see the attached Gift Registers as a record of hospitality declarations by members of the executive team for Calendar Years 2016 – 2020.

- 2. Please provide records held regarding of any flights provided, paid for or subsidised by pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies to employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.***
- 3. Please provide any information the DHB holds regarding professional affiliations, board roles or advisory positions held by employees of the DHB (including medical professionals) in connection to pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies. If possible, break these affiliations down by the following years: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.***

NMH response: As noted in our response to Q1 the NMH Sensitive Expenditure Policy requires that gifts are notified to the individual's manager. As such it is not practical to identify whether any flights were provided nor whether there are any professional affiliations, board roles or advisory positions held, with pharmaceutical or medical equipment companies.

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.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive

Encl: Gift Registers 2016 – 2020 (5 pages)