

16 April 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 6 April 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

- 1. Since the start of 2020 how many people have been made redundant at Nelson/ Marlborough DHB?***

NMH response: Nil.

- 2. How many fixed term contracts been terminated?***

NMH response: 124.

- 3. How many people have been employed as permanent staff?***

NMH response: 503.

- 4. How many fixed term contracts have been initiated?***

NMH response: 180.

- 5. How are your supplies of smart infusions, infusion sets, medications, and IV fluids?***
- 6. Are any of your supplies at critical levels? If so, what, and when will they be restocked?***
- 7. Are you able to replenish your above mentioned supplies easily?***

NMH response: We refer you to the Ministry of Health response (7 April 2021) to you for the same three questions, as below;

To ensure DHBs have access to infusion pumps and other consumables, the Ministry of Health has put in place a system not dissimilar to the centralised PPE national supply.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

The Ministry is able to leverage its ability to secure global allocations across trade and supply arrangements, with recognition of current global supply and logistics constraints.

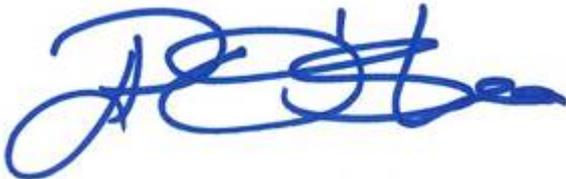
The Ministry, together with Medsafe, PHARMAC, district health boards, suppliers, clinicians and technicians, has moved quickly to centralise the supply management of IV consumables, infusion pumps and syringe drivers generally, to ensure services can be maintained nationally and alternative solutions identified and supported.

Generally, DHBs manage their own sourcing of “business as usual” devices and consumables. However, when the supply chain is disrupted they alert the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health determines where the supply chain has been disrupted and can intervene, or if the supply is of national concern to maintaining critical health care services, the Ministry centralises the management and purchasing of items in constrained supply.

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Yours sincerely



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