

29 June 2021

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 26 May 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

1. How many PET CT scans have been referred per year the past 3 years?

NMH response: The number of PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scans we have referred is outlined in Table One.

TABLE ONE

Calendar Year	2018	2019	2020
PET Scan Volume	139	115	140

2. How many PET CT scans have been referred this year so far?

NMH response: 48 (January to April 2021).

3. What percentage of the patients being referred are Maori?

NMH response: 4%.

4. What is the average cost per PET CT scan referral?

NMH response:

TABLE TWO

Financial Year (1 July – 30 June)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
PET Scan National price	2,322.34	2,291.28	2,431.58

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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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