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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 17 September 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH), as a partial transfer of Part 2 (of 2) from the Ministry of Health, followed by clarification 22 September 2021, where you seek the following information:

Part 2- To what extent is contracting out elective surgery to the private sector being increased?

CLARIFICATION-

I am looking for data on contracted out elective services in relation to the potential impact of Covid, over the period of the current outbreak, as well as earlier data relating to the impact of Covid-19.

Response:

Table 1 shows the extent of contracting out Planned Care services to the private sector in relation to the potential impact of COVID-19, noting the data search returned Nil activity from 25 March 2020 to 28 February 2021.

TABLE 1

Contracting out Planned Care 25/03/2020 to 30/09/2021	
Mar 2021	4
Apr 2021	25
May 2021	16
Jun 2021	14

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Yours sincerely



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