



27 August 2021



Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 30 June 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 28 July 2021 and notice of decision 25 August 2021 where you seek the following information:

1. How many Neurologists do you have on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)

NMH response: One Neurologist – 0.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

One (recruited) Neurologist – 0.7 FTE

One Neurologist with subspecialty movement disorders – quarterly visits

Locum Neurologist-to manage demand – one week per month

One Physician – 0.3 FTE with subspecialty interest in Neurology

One Physician – 0.3 FTE in Neurology rehabilitation role.

2. How many Neurologists are Multiple Sclerosis Specialists on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)

NMH response: One Neurologist.

3. How many Neurologists on your staff see patients with Multiple Sclerosis?

NMH response: All above mentioned staff.

4. How many Neurology Nurses do you have on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)

NMH response: Two Neurology Nurses (1.1 FTE).

5. How many MS Nurse Specialists are on staff? (Numbers and FTE equivalent)

NMH response: One Neurology Nurse (0.35 FTE)

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

6. From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 what is the current waiting time for a/an:

a) First specialist neurology outpatients' appointment?

NMH response: 85 days (average).

b) Follow up specialist neurology outpatient appointment?

NMH response: 30 days (average).

c) Outpatient MRI?

NMH response: 52 days (average).

d) Outpatient infusion clinic appointment?

NMH response: 42 days (average) for follow-up.

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.

If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIRequest@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



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