



3 September 2021



Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 7 July 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by clarification sought 8 July 2021 and necessary extension of time 4 August 2021, where you seek the following information.

- 1. How many nurses have taken sick leave in Nelson Hospital over the past month and how does that figure compare with average figure?**

NMH response: We have not received clarification and in reference to the accepted definition of official information 'held', agencies are required to provide a fact-based response. There is no obligation to form an opinion and/or a subjective response and, as such, NMH declines to respond to this aspect of your request under section 12(2) *'the official information requested shall be specified with due particularity in the request.'*

- 2. How many nurses in Nelson have resigned in the past 3 months?**

NMH response: Please see Table One.

TABLE ONE

Month	Count of nurse leavers – Nelson
April 2021	7
May 2021	21
June 2021	18

- 3. How long is it taking to recruit nurses in Nelson over the past few months?**

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4. Are these figures higher than usual? What are the average numbers?

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5. How do nursing numbers in Nelson Hospital compare with the average for other years in the hospital?

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6. Is the information also available for doctors, broken down into house surgeons, residents and consultants?

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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 OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz I trust that this information meets your requirements.

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Yours sincerely



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