

10 March 2022

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information as transferred from the Ministry of Health and received 8 March 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

1. *I would like to have the cost related to [to] treating a covid Patient in these cases*
 - *ICU/HDU*
 - *Normal ward*
 - *Cost of nurses visiting patients not in hospital*
2. *Can these costs be put in a spread sheet for one day on average cost also importantly the average time each patient is in these states.*

NMH response:

We do not operate a costing system that enables us to track costs to the level of detail requested and, as such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(e) of the Act in *'that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist'*.

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 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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