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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 1 March 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 23 March 2022.

I'm reporting on staff shortages due to omicron, either sickness or household contacts.

- 1. How many staff members are in that position in your DHB, please. It would also be good to know what percentage of total staff are either sick or in isolation, please.*

NMH response:

As at 14 March 2022, the total workforce percentage for sick leave, including pandemic leave, across Nelson Hospital and Wairau Hospital was 5.2 percent. This was slightly down from 5.5 percent the previous week.

The number of staff absent due to Covid-19 fluctuates regularly and can be challenging to record accurately, given any definitional issues and reliance on information entered into the on-line reporting system by each submitter.

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 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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