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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 22 December 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 10 February 2022, where you seek the following information.

Does your DHB provide-

1. Kaupapa Māori foot protection services?

NMH Response:

Yes, the community podiatry service operates out of Whakatū marae and Te Āwhina marae, utilising the support of Te Piki Oranga staff to ensure the kaupapa of the service is appropriate, and incorporates wider health goals of the whanau.

2. Funded Community podiatry services

NMH Response:

NMH funds up to 3,740 community podiatry sessions per year.

3. In-remission diabetic foot services

NMH Response:

Community Podiatry services are provided for in remission patients, and General Practices provide annual foot reviews / education.

4. High risk diabetic foot clinics

NMH Response:

Nelson and Marlborough PHOs contract out high risk foot services to private providers.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

5. Specialist multidisciplinary team diabetic foot clinics

NMH Response:

People with diabetic foot ulceration are referred to the Vascular service for urgent review by the Nurse Practitioner with diabetes and vascular special interest, whom liaises with other providers (joint clinic reviews are beneficial, mostly with orthopaedics or orthotic) for investigation and appropriate treatment. This Model of Care is adjusted to meet the high prevalence of peripheral arterial disease alongside the available vascular skill set.

6. Designated Charcot foot clinics

NMH Response:

People with Charcot foot disorders can be referred to outpatient clinic services for assessment and treatment, and suspected new onset Charcot foot can be referred to Orthopaedics or the Diabetic foot clinic.

7. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy

NMH Response:

We do not provide this therapy.

8. Vascular services for diabetic foot disease

NMH Response:

We receive referrals from any community provider, and a known patient can self-refer.

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Yours sincerely



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