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**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information as transferred from the Ministry of Health and received 12 January 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Please tell me if publically funded bone density (DEXA) scans are available for (1) all relevant Endocrinology patients (2) any patient seen in a relevant subspecialty (yes/no adequate detail for both questions). The scan could be provided in private but the question is about who pays - the DHB or the patient. If some patients would be funded (e.g. community service card holders) please provide this information.*

NMH response:

We outsource DEXA (dual energy X-ray absorptiometry) scans to private providers and this imaging service is publicly funded by NMH.

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](http://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](mailto: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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