

1 March 2022



### Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Parts 1 – 3 (of 7) from the Ministry of Health and received 8 December 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, followed by the necessary extension of time 26 January 2022, where you seek the following information.

- 1. How many surgeries /procedures/assessments have been cancelled across the country in the past year? Is it possible to break that number down by month?**

**NMH response:** Please see Table One for the number of cancelled Operations, Procedures and Outpatient First Specialist Assessments (FSA's) for Surgical and Cardiology specialties at Nelson Hospital and Wairau (Blenheim) Hospital, by month, for Calendar Year 2021.

**TABLE ONE**

Calendar Year 2021	Operations / Procedures	First Specialist Assessments
January	33	5
February	53	3
March	41	1
April	69	4
May	59	5
June	61	8
July	52	7
August	35	1
September	44	4
October	37	5
November	40	5
December	2	1
Total	526	49

<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

**2. How many surgeries/procedures/assessments were cancelled in 2019 and in 2017?**

NMH response: Please see Table Two.

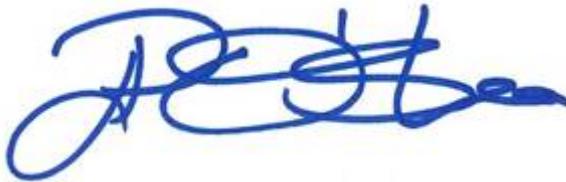
**TABLE TWO**

Calendar Year	Operations / Procedures	First Specialist Assessments
2019	488	52
2017	448	11

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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 that 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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