

8 April 2022

**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information received 25 February 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, followed by the necessary extension of time 23 March 2022, where you seek the following information:

- 1. How many hours per week, on average, are operating theatres undertaking elective planned care and acute procedures, listed elective theatre procedures, acute theatre procedures, and both of these two individually as proportions of overall theatre availability?**

**NMH Response:**

Please see Tables One to Five for Wairau Hospital and Tables Six to Ten for Nelson Hospital outlining hours per month, noting our system does not report average hours per week.

**TABLE ONE: Wairau Hospital Fin Year (FY) 2017/2018**

Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Aug	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept	48	33	2	15
Oct	107	82	9	25
Nov	152	117	0	35
Dec	101	77	1	24
Jan	119	87	3	32
Feb	136	96	3	40
March	135	100	3	35
April	106	78	1	28
May	143	113	2	30
June	137	99	0	38

NOTE: Data not available from 01/07/2017 to 21/09/2017 due to change in patient management system

**TABLE TWO: Wairau Hospital FY 2018/2019**

Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	147	107	5	40
Aug	150	112	3	38
Sept	136	98	8	38
Oct	114	82	9	32
Nov	130	100	6	30
Dec	107	77	2	30
Jan	140	99	3	41
Feb	116	90	4	26
March	140	104	4	36
April	113	87	5	26
May	147	106	8	41
June	147	109	0	38

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

TABLE THREE: Wairau Hospital FY 2019/2020				
Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	158	113	2	43
Aug	155	110	6	39
Sept	155	107	3	45
Oct	164	116	1	47
Nov	157	109	0	48
Dec	131	90	6	35
Jan	109	65	3	41
Feb	133	95	6	32
March	153	97	20	36
April	98	40	45	13
May	131	90	7	34
June	147	105	2	40

TABLE FOUR: Wairau Hospital FY 2020/2021				
Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	173	121	2	50
Aug	166	115	3	48
Sept	165	117	1	47
Oct	161	119	1	41
Nov	149	114	0	35
Dec	150	98	8	44
Jan	129	94	3	32
Feb	97	55	1	41
March	105	63	1	41
April	114	65	0	49
May	121	79	1	41
June	114	75	0	39

TABLE FIVE: Wairau Hospital FY 2021/2022				
Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	114	108	6	43
Aug	87	72	15	32
Sept	109	108	1	51
Oct	100	95	5	41
Nov	133	121	12	56
Dec	115	101	14	49
Jan	123	79	9	35
Feb	135	92	5	38

TABLE SIX: Nelson Hospital FY 2017/2018				
Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Aug	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept	63	42	17	4
Oct	173	125	35	13
Nov	247	182	42	23
Dec	174	118	48	8
Jan	129	88	28	13
Feb	139	100	27	12
March	201	137	39	25
April	176	122	37	17
May	235	169	40	26
June	0	0	0	0

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**TABLE SEVEN: Nelson Hospital FY 2018/2019**

Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	211	137	48	26
Aug	214	145	40	29
Sept	187	124	41	22
Oct	201	136	39	26
Nov	216	156	39	21
Dec	173	109	42	22
Jan	146	124	5	17
Feb	179	125	39	15
March	178	135	39	4
April	179	123	36	20
May	229	160	37	32
June	0	0	0	0

**TABLE EIGHT: Nelson Hospital FY 2019/2020**

Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	210	134	40	36
Aug	214	139	39	36
Sept	195	130	33	32
Oct	194	120	45	29
Nov	205	135	39	31
Dec	179	107	51	21
Jan	171	102	41	28
Feb	161	107	36	18
March	200	139	37	24
April	129	46	63	20
May	219	134	53	32
June	216	150	40	26

**TABLE NINE: Nelson Hospital FY 2020/2021**

Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	203	142	39	22
Aug	202	144	39	19
Sept	202	145	33	24
Oct	188	127	33	28
Nov	202	134	35	33
Dec	184	108	50	26
Jan	170	108	34	28
Feb	166	117	26	23
March	209	140	42	27
April	175	118	36	21
May	205	151	31	23
June	190	132	36	22

**TABLE TEN: Nelson Hospital FY 2021/2022**

Month	Total	Elective	Acute	LA only
July	208	144	39	25
Aug	155	95	40	20
Sept	230	163	41	26
Oct	161	105	33	23
Nov	180	120	36	24
Dec	205	130	48	27
Jan	149	85	45	19
Feb	156	93	34	29

**2. What percentage of overall available theatre time is currently not used and potentially available for elective planned care procedures listed as a percentage of overall available theatre time?**

**NMH Response:**

All NMH operating theatre capacity is booked where resources are available and accordingly, we have no theatre time available for alternative utilisation.

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Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**