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Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 25 July 2022 by Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough where you seek the following information.

1. "Since 2010, to July 1, 2022, how many [Essure](#) devices have been removed by the DHB; Since 2010, to July 1, 2022, how many Essure devices have been removed as a result of adverse reactions and/or side effects. Please include a breakdown for the reason for removal if recorded/known."

Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough Response:

This information is not clinically coded and held in a form that is readily retrievable from our Information System. It would take a significant amount of time and resources to extract and manually review individual patient files to determine if any intra-uterine contraceptive device (IUCD) removal involved an Essure device and under section 18(f), *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

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

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