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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 15 June 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 14 July 2022, where you seek the following information.

1. *“The total number of procedures outsourced by year (including the year to date) for the past five years.”*

Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough Response:

Please see Table One for outsourced procedures from 1 January 2018 to 28 June 2022 (ytd).

TABLE ONE

Calendar Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022ytd
Total	2	188	384	423	406

2. *“For each year, provide a breakdown of the type of procedure.”*

Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough Response:

TABLE TWO

Specialty	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022ytd
Colonoscopy	0	188	384	345	216
General Surgery	2	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmology	0	0	0	0	58
Orthopaedic Surgery	0	0	0	78	55
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	0	0	0	0	77
Total	2	188	384	423	406

TABLE THREE

Procedure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022ytd
Carpal tunnel/Hand Procedures					44
Cataract					58
Hip Replacement				41	6
Knee Replacement				37	3
Other	2				
Skin Lesion Procedures					77
Endoscopy		188	384	345	216
Shoulder Replacement					2
Total	2	188	384	423	406

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

3. *“For each year, provide the total spend on outsourced elective surgeries.”*

Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough Response:

The total spend on outsourced Planned Care surgical procedures is not held in a form that is easily retrievable from our Information System – we have agreements with private providers for other than outsourced procedures and are unable to distinguish the actual spend on surgery alone. It would take a significant amount of time and resources to extract and manually review individual invoices to collate this information and under section 18(f) *‘the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research’*.

4. *“For each year, provide the amount that these surgeries would have cost the DHBs if they had not been outsourced.”*

Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough Response:

We do not operate a costing system and are unable to determine the cost by type of Planned Care surgical procedure provided in-house.

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