

8 December 2021

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 15 November 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information with no date range:

- 1. Any policy regarding the covert surveillance of staff.**

Response: NMH does not have a specific policy regarding covert surveillance of staff.

- 2. The number of times there have been applications for surveillance of staff.**

Response: NMH is not aware of any applications for surveillance of staff.

- 3. The number of times there have been approvals for surveillance of staff.**

Response: Not Applicable.

- 4. The circumstances in which any surveillance of staff would be permissible.**

Response: Any surveillance monitoring of employees during work would be a considered approach ensuring a policy, setting out why and when to monitor, complies with the Employment Relations Act 2000 and the Privacy Act 2020.

This decision 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 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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