

23 June 2020

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 2 June 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information:

- 1. The total cost to the DHB from Covid-19 hospitalisations, between February 28 and May 27, broken down by the reasons for the costs***

NMH response: NMH does not operate a costing system that tracks individual patient hospitalisation costs.

- 2. The total number of Covid-19 patient admissions between February 28 and May 27, broken down by whether they were in HDU, ICU or general/medical beds***

NMH response:

TABLE 1

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| Patient admissions | <5* |
| Ventilator support | <5* |

*The exact number is withheld to maintain the privacy of natural persons.

Due to low numbers there is a risk of individual identifiability in disclosing personal information, and the exact numbers are withheld under Section 9(2)(a) 'to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'. In the circumstances, the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

- 3. The total number of bed days related to Covid-19 patients***

NMH response: 68 days.

- 4. The total number of Covid-19 patients who required the support of a ventilator while in hospital under DHB care.***

NMH response: Please see Table 1 on the previous page.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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Yours sincerely

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