

29 May 2020

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Parts 4 & 5 (of 5) from the Ministry of Health and received 8 May 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek information on Covid-19 hospitalisation and mortality.

As advised 14 May 2020, the DHB does not collect data on 'lived experience of disability', however we are able to report on Covid-19 (positive cases) hospitalisation and mortality by Maori and Non-Maori from 30 January to 30 April 2020.

This request relates to the period 30 January 2020 (when Covid-19 became a public health emergency of international concern) and 30 April 2020.

- ***Covid-19 hospitalisation numbers by Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability***

TABLE 1 – Confirmed cases

Maori	<5*
Non-Maori	6

*The exact number is withheld to maintain the privacy of natural persons under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act '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.

TABLE 2 – Suspected cases but did NOT have Covid-19

Maori	22
Non-Maori	125

- ***Covid-19 mortality numbers by Māori with lived experience of disability (tāngata whaikaha) and non-Māori with lived experience of disability***

There were no Covid-19 deaths by Maori or non-Maori.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz. I trust that 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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