

10 March 2020

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Via email: ██████████

Response to a request for official information

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for official information received 27 February 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek information regarding the measles epidemic.

There was significant effort by the NMH Public Health Service, involving various groups of healthcare professionals, to maintain high immunization coverage to limit measles virus transmission, and ensure public health surveillance operating reliably and universally to rapidly detect and vigorously respond to every suspected measles case.

- 1. The total cost to the DHB from the measles epidemic, between January 1 and December 31, 2019, broken down by the reasons for the costs***

NMH does not operate a costing system and did not separately track any costs related to measles.

- 2. The total number of measles-related presentations between January 1 and December 31, 2019, broken down by month***

There is no record of hospital presentations due to measles.

- 3. The total number of measles-related admissions between January 1 and December 31, 2019, broken down by month***

Nil.

- 4. The total number of measles-related ICU admissions and average bed days in ICU between January 1 and December 31, 2019, broken down by month***

Nil.

- 5. The total of bed days recorded by the DHB due to measles-related illness, broken down by month.***

Nil.

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.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Bramley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive

cc: Ministry of Health via email: SectorOIAs@moh.govt.nz