

21 August 2020

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Response to a request for official information

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Thank you for your request for official information received 20 August 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

1. *How many mechanical ventilators are available at Nelson Hospital?*
2. *How many mechanical ventilators are available in the Nelson/Tasman area?*

NMH response: The DHB refers you to the Ministry of Health website under section 18(d) of the Act *'the information requested is publicly available'* where published data outlines capacity for ventilators by DHB region so as to ensure a coordinated approach across New Zealand www.health.govt.nz/ventilator_capacity

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.

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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