

21 July 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 22 June 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 16 July 2020, where you seek the following information:

- 1. The number of patients in psychiatric hospitals in Nelson and Ngawhatu 1990 to 2010. Either as at 31 December of the year or annual average.*

NMH response: Please see Table 1 below, noting that numbers exclude patients on leave, and only include Ngawhatu Psychiatric Hospital as the Braemar, Nelson facility was psychopaedic, not psychiatric, during the specified time frame.

TABLE 1

As at:	Number of Patients
31 December 1990	317
31 December 1991	302
31 December 1992	274
31 December 1993	224
31 December 1994	199
31 December 1995	117
31 December 1996	74
31 December 1997	84
31 December 1998	68
31 December 1999	69
31 December 2000	68
31 December 2001	64
31 December 2002	23
31 December 2003	24
31 December 2004	25
31 December 2005	19
31 December 2006	27
31 December 2007	25
31 December 2008	17
31 December 2009	20
31 December 2010	18

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

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

Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive