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Response to a request for official information

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Thank you for your request for official information received 7 July 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)[1], where you seek the following information:
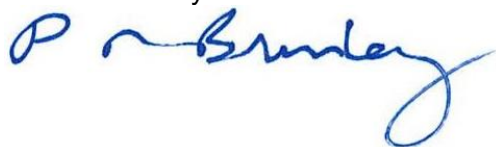
1. *The number of clients who received immediate breast reconstruction following a mastectomy in 2019/20*
2. *The average breast reconstruction wait time for 2019/20*
3. *The number of women currently on the waitlist for reconstruction following a mastectomy*
4. *The number of women who did not meet waitlist criteria*
5. *An outline of criteria that guides/ governs whether a woman seeking breast reconstruction is accepted or denied treatment.*

NMH response: We have an agreement with Hutt Valley District Health Board to carry out breast reconstruction surgery as part of tertiary level service provision for Nelson Marlborough patients. As the information you seek is not captured by NMH, we suggest you contact Hutt Hospital Plastics Department.

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

Dr Peter Bramley
Chief Executive

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