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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 18 August 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek information regarding Community Based Assessment Centres (CBACs) and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) distribution.

Please provide the following figures, for the period 1 February 2020 and 9 June 2020.

1. The number of staff that worked at the Blenheim and Nelson CBACs?

TABLE 1

Staff	No.
Blenheim CBAC	38
Nelson CBAC	122

2. The number of people presenting for testing at the Blenheim and Nelson CBACs?

TABLE 2

Assessments	No.
Blenheim CBAC	1039
Nelson CBAC	3427

3. The number of swabs taken at the Blenheim and Nelson CBACs?

TABLE 3

Swabs taken	No.
Blenheim CBAC	991
Nelson CBAC	2945

NMH response: The data in Tables 1 – 3 shows the demand for CBAC staffing, assessments, and swabs taken in the Marlborough region and the Nelson region from 1 February 2020 to 9 June 2020 (inclusive) is commensurate with the proportionate population of each region. Accordingly, the community testing at the Blenheim CBAC and the Nelson CBAC is commensurate with PPE requirements to undertake the testing.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

4. What factors determined the orders and distribution of PPE to Blenheim and Nelson CBACs?

The Blenheim CBAC and the Nelson CBAC were well equipped with PPE and clinical equipment at all times of which is critical in the rapid provision of COVID-19 community testing initiatives.

DHBs received guidance from the Ministry of Health (MOH) about appropriate processes to distribute PPE to external community providers. In turn, DHB procurement partners work with the MOH to secure sufficient PPE stock, and collect accurate demand and usage data to inform supply chain resourcing, procurement and planning.

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Yours sincerely



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