

18 December 2020

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 7 December 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ where you seek the following information:

- 1. Have many people has the Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board treated for firearm injuries since January 2016? In the figures please break down how many children received treatment;**

NMH response: Total clinically coded treatments related to firearm injuries since 2016 = 8.

Due to low numbers (less than 3) we find it necessary to withhold further breakdown, by children, to protect individual privacy under section 9(2) of the Act to 'protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'.

- 2. How many treatments were as a result of gang violence?**

NMH response: No coded treatments related to firearm injuries are assigned the code for gang/mob.

- 3. What types of firearms caused each injury.**

NMH response: Please see Table One below.

TABLE ONE

NMH Firearm Injuries	
Air Rifle	1
Small Calibre Rifle	1
Unspecified Firearm	6

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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 OIRequest@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