

15 December 2020

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 16 November 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 14 December 2020, where you seek the following information:

- 1. What is the surgery threshold for:**
 - *endometriosis laparoscopic surgery*
 - *knee replacement*
 - *hip replacement*
- 2. Can I also find out whether any surgery thresholds have changed in the last five years at your DHB. Can this include what the threshold change was and for what surgery.**

NMH response: Treatment thresholds, approved by the Ministry of Health, are linked to specific elective surgical specialties. Table One below includes thresholds for Gynaecology and Orthopaedics, as requested, and any changes to the access score during the last five years.

TABLE ONE

Elective surgery category	Access Score	Previous score	Date Changed	Reason
Gynaecology	55		4/11/2019	Change to new tool /implemented tool
Orthopaedics	71		2/09/2016	Implemented tool
	65	71	26/02/2018	
	69	65	20/08/2018	
	72	69	28/01/2019	
General Surgery	63		29/05/2018	Implemented tool
	71	63	28/01/2019	
Otorhinolaryngology	65		24/10/2017	Implemented tool
	62	65	4/11/2019	Change to new tool
Ophthalmology	65		24/10/2017	Implemented tool
	60	65	23/03/2018	
	55	60	02/11/2020	

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 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