



1 December 2020

[REDACTED]
Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 5 October 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 3 November 2020, where you seek the following information.

- 1. The number of antidepressant prescriptions handed out at the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.*
- 2. The number of people prescribed antidepressants under the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.*
- 3. The number of antipsychotic prescriptions handed out at the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.*
- 4. The number of people prescribed antipsychotic prescriptions under the DHB each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.*

NMH response for Parts 1 – 4: Electronic, coded records of the individual medications prescribed and administered to inpatients at DHB facilities are not captured by the Patient Management System, and it would take a significant amount of time and resources to manually go through individual patient files. As such, NMH declines to respond under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

5. *The number of admissions to the adult mental health inpatient unit each year for the last five years (January to December 2016 to January 2020 to YTD), broken down by each hospital if more than one under the DHB.*

NMH response: The number of admissions to *Wahi Oranga* Adult Mental Health Inpatient Unit are shown in Table One.

TABLE ONE

Calendar Year	Number of Admissions
2016	413
2017	375
2018	387
2019	420
2020 to Sep YTD	280

6. *The total amount of DHB funds allocated to the adult mental health inpatient each year for the last five years (January - December 2016 to January 2020 - YTD), with brief detail of what the money was being spent on each year.*

NMH response: The total funding allocated and the amount spent on Mental Health services (Inpatient and Community) over the last five Financial Years (1 July – 30 June) is shown in Table Two. This spend covers all Mental Health services as we do not specifically separate out all adult funding/costs from that allocated to infant, child or youth.

TABLE TWO

\$M	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Funding	\$40.28	\$41.13	\$41.69	\$43.44	\$44.43
Costs	\$39.93	\$40.25	\$42.30	\$43.60	\$46.54

Note: The costs include workforce, clinical and non-clinical supplies, payments to Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and other DHBs

7. *The number of complaints relating to mental health care each year for the last five years (January - December 2016 to January 2020 - YTD), with a brief description of each complaint. Also a breakdown of the number of these complaints that were investigated.*

NMH response: A count of Mental Health complaint files extracted from our Incident Management System is shown in Table Three.

TABLE THREE

Calendar Year	Count of File ID
2015	11
2016	18
2017	13
2018	2
2019	13
2020 to Sep YTD	0

The Mental Health Unit/Work Area, and any electronically captured category of concern, are shown in Table Four.

TABLE FOUR

Lead Ward/Dept/Unit/Work Area	Category of concern
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Older Persons	Care
Mental Health - Older Persons	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Access
Mental Health - Older Persons	Communication
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Older Persons	
Mental Health - Older Persons	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Access
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health – Tipahi Unit	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Older Persons	
Mental Health - Older Persons	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Patient/staff relationships
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health – Tipahi Unit	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health – Tipahi Unit	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Access

Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Patient/staff relationships
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Patient/staff relationships
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Patient/staff relationships
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Access
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Communication
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Communication
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Communication
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Care
Mental Health - Wahi Oranga	Access

In regard to the number of complaints which were investigated, NMH reviews and responds to individual concerns raised by both patients and whanau.

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



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