

4 March 2021

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Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 10 February 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹ followed by clarification 1 March 2021, where you seek the following information.

- 1. If measured or estimated, can I please ask for the percentage coverage for diabetic retinal screening (i.e the proportion of people with diabetes who have had a retinal screen within the last two years, or other reporting period)?**

CLARIFICATION: I'm seeking the number in each DHB district, i.e trying to get any indication of how many of the total diabetic population are being screened.

NMH response: The Ministry of Health [Virtual Diabetes Register](#) reports 6316 people in the Nelson Marlborough district with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes in 2019.

TABLE ONE

Estimated number of Nelson Marlborough people on <i>MoH Virtual Diabetes Register</i> (2019)	6,316
Number of screens for diabetic retinopathy performed by NMH for Calendar Years 2019 & 2020*	3771
Percentage coverage	60%

*NOTE: COVID-19 impacted on our Planned Care delivery of services during 2020

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Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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