

24 May 2021

Via Email: [REDACTED]

### Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 28 April 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information.

**Present and previous contracts/tenders for hospital pathology services, including:**

- **For each current contract:**

**1. name of the contract (i.e., types of services being provided)**

**NMH response:** Integrated Laboratory Services (community and hospital services).

**2. name of the organisation/company contracted to deliver the services,**

**NMH response:** The above agreement is a 2-DHB agreement between Southern DHB and Nelson Marlborough DHB. The two provider parties are; Southern Community Laboratory Limited and Medlab South Limited.

**3. contract start date and expected end (or renewal) date,**

**NMH response:** 19 December 2018 to 30 June 2023.

**4. any options for extending the contract,**

**NMH response:** There are two options to renew; three years for the first renewal period and a further two years for the second renewal period.

**5. dollar value (per contract), and**

**NMH response:** It is necessary to withhold this information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) 'to make that information available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information'.

The information is commercially sensitive to the supplier. In the circumstances, the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

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<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

*For each previous contract:*

1. *name of the contract (i.e., types of services being provided)*

NMH response: Laboratory Services Agreement.

2. *name of the organisation/company contracted to deliver the services,*

NMH response: Southern Community Laboratories Otago Southland Limited, Southern Community Laboratories Limited and New Zealand Diagnostic Group Limited.

3. *contract start date and end (or renewal) date,*

NMH response: 1 June 2006 to 30 June 2014. Renewal period for two years to 30 June 2016.

4. *dollar value (per contract).*

NMH response: It is necessary to withhold this information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) 'to make that information available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information'.

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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto: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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**Chief Executive**