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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 6 July 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- 1. the number of people that were admitted to A&E presenting with symptoms of cathinone toxicity, and (where possible) between 01 December 2020 and 31 March 2021?*
- 2. state whether each case was mild, moderate, or acute*

NMH response: A search of our electronic database shows no Emergency Department (ED) presentations and no Hospital admissions involving "Cathinone's" from 1 December 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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

Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board