

20 October 2021



### **Response to a request for official information**



Thank you for your request for official information received 15 September 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH), followed by the necessary extension of time 13 October 2021 where you seek the following information:

- 1. Community podiatry services for diabetic foot**
  - a. Whether this is funded or unfunded**

Response:

NMH funds general Community podiatry services. There are community contracts with the Marlborough Primary Health Organisation (PHO) and Nelson Bays PHO as per the Ministry of Health tier level three service specification *Podiatry for people with at risk / high risk feet*.

- b. If funded the number of sessions that are funded per year and who qualifies**

Response:

We fund up to 3,740 community podiatry sessions per year.

- 2. High risk foot clinics**
  - a. If available, the number of podiatrists who are available and the FTEs**

Response:

Both Nelson Marlborough PHOs contract out high risk foot services to private providers in the region.

- 3. Specialist MDT clinics**
  - a. If these do occur, how frequently they occur**

Response:

NMH does not provide specific specialist MDTs in regard to diabetic foot services. Consultation with the Podiatrist working under the PHO contract is available.

#### **4. Charcot foot clinics**

Response:

NMH does not provide specific clinics for Charcot foot disorders, however such cases can be referred to outpatient clinic services for assessment and treatment.

#### **5. Surgical care services for diabetic foot**

##### **a. Following surgical care, where physical rehabilitation occurs**

Response:

A referral would be made to the Community rehabilitation team.

#### **6. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy**

Response:

NMH does not provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

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Yours sincerely



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