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**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Parts 2 and 4 (of 5) from the Ministry of Health and received 16 December 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

***PART 2: Costs for health care provided to Covid-positive patients, including HDU and ICU***

Response:

NMH does not capture costs at an individual level and therefore cannot determine costs of providing healthcare to COVID-19 positive patients in a High Dependency Unit (HDU) or ICU. As such, and under section 18(e) of the Act *the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist*.

***PART 4: Costs of the incentives / bribes, music, food, and other draw-cards at testing and vaccination centres implemented to entice people to get tested and vaccinated***

Response:

NMH spent \$35,408 on incentives and \$55,117 on advertising; this equates to \$0.70 per person vaccinated (at 19Jan21).

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](http://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](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz) I trust 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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