

14 February 2022

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 16 December 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 3 February 2022, where you seek the following information:

- 1. A list of all district health board emergency departments that have a policy to provide COVID -19 vaccinations to unvaccinated people (COVID-19) who attend the emergency department***

NMH response:

We have implemented a Pathway to offer the COVID-19 Vaccination to patients attending appointments at, or being admitted to, both Nelson Hospital and Wairau Hospital (Blenheim).

- 2. A list of all district health board emergency departments, paediatric debarments or wards that have a policy to provide childhood immunisations to all unvaccinated children who attend the department or ward***

NMH response:

Our secondary care departments do not generally provide Childhood Immunisations within the department, however key staff have access to the National Immunisation Register to check vaccination status and can refer unvaccinated children through to Outreach Immunisation Services for childhood vaccinations.

- 3. What plan each district health board has to connect people or children? Currently only 84% of Māori are enrolled in primary care (PHO).***

NMH response:

Our *Annual Plan 2021-2022* incorporates actions to ensure enrolment of Māori with General Practice and is available at- <https://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/dmsdocument/775-nmh-annual-plan-2021-2022-incorporating-the-spe>.

NMH reports on actions that improve new-born enrolment, particularly for Māori. Please see Attachment One as an example of a previous quarterly report (Q1, 2021-22) *CWO7 Improving New-born enrolment* which collates the actions we are currently working on.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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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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Attachment One: *CWO7 Improving New-born enrolment*

CW07 Improving New-born enrolment Nelson Marlborough DHB

Current Achievement

New-borns enrolled at 6 weeks:

Total 77.5% (National average 71.4%)

Māori 61.1% (National average 55.6%)

New-borns enrolled at 3 months:

Total 88.3% (National average 89.0%)

Māori 60.2% (National average 72.5%)

NMDHB has achieved the 'total population' target for children enrolled with a general practice by 6 weeks of age and 3 months of age.

The Maori enrolment rate is significantly less but achieved the target for 6 weeks.

Activity:

A key new activity is work with the South Island Alliance to develop an electronic enrolment system across the South Island.

Engagement with Plunket has occurred, with Plunket identifying those who haven't been enrolled and referring them to the DHB for follow up.

Other key activity is around equity as Nelson Marlborough Health has been achieving relatively well on its overall enrolment rates, but has some way to go to achieve equity.

Two new Tamariki Nurses have been funded at Te Piki Oranga for the 2021-22 year. Further to this, the FTE of Nursing staff at the Nelson Tasman Pasifika Trust and the Victory Community Centre is increasing by 2 FTE from late 2021. Te Waka Hauora (NMDHB Māori Health directorate) has also successfully bid to expand the Hauora Direct Programme. All these roles undertake the Hauora Direct health assessment on communities, with one key aim to identify those that are not enrolled and ensure they are enrolled in services.

The Hapu Wānaga programme has been successfully operating for 12 months and is successfully enrolling young Māori women in services and is ensuring that their newborns are enrolled.

Tūhono, an intensive, whanau-centred, home-based programme for Māori who have significant challenges in bringing up their baby. Around 12 whanau at any one time; programme provides intensive, individualised support for pregnant or new māmā with high needs & whanau as needed. This programme is identifying the most vulnerable and ensuring children are enrolled with a practice.

A system has been developed to provide an electronic transfer of information of women who are pregnant and a subsequent birth notification to GPs from secondary services. This will ensure the GP is notified of pregnancy and also of birth electronically and also women without a GP will be notified to the PHO for support to obtain a GP prior to their baby being born.

Capacity of LMCs in Wairau has been an issue, and activity is underway to expand the LMC workforce in that region.

There is continued engagement with LMCs around the newborn enrolment process, including following up with individual LMCs.