

14 March 2022

## Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 19 January 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, followed by the necessary extension of time 16 February 2022, where you seek the following information:

### Aged Residential Care

1. *Since March 2020 have you had to reduce the number of beds you can offer for aged residential care?*

NMH response:

NMH does not manage the number of aged care beds – this is influenced by Aged Residential Care (ARC) sector business decisions.

2. *How many beds did you offer in March 2020, and how many do you offer now?*
3. *If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of aged residential care beds available?*

NMH response:

Please see Table One, noting there has been no reduction in capacity.

**TABLE ONE**

	ARC Bed Capacity
March 2020	1228
January 2022	1229

### General Hospital

4. *Have you had to reduce the number of general hospital beds available since March 2020?*
5. *If so, what has caused the DHB to reduce the number of general beds available?*

NMH response: We have not had to reduce the number of beds on a permanent basis. From time to time we need to reduce the number of beds for a limited number of days due to a shortage of resources or to facilitate patient care.

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

**6. How many general hospital beds were available in your catchment area in March 2020, and how many general hospital beds are available now?**

**NMH response:** NMH had 114 Hospital Beds in March 2020 and we have the same number of beds in March 2022.

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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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