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Response to a request for official information

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Thank you for your request for official information received 7 April 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information.

We are wanting to better understand the range of services provided by various DHBs throughout Aotearoa for people who stutter. Would you please advise-

1. Whether you do provide services for people who stutter?

NMH response:

Where current motivation/goals for therapy are identified, NMH can provide an initial assessment followed by up to eight sessions for adults who stutter.

If you do provide services for people who stutter, would you please advise:

2. How many people who stutter that you have worked with in the last year including a breakdown of their ages and ethnicities

NMH response:

The exact low number (<3) with further breakdown by age and ethnicity is withheld under Section 9(2)(a) 'to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'. In the circumstances, the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

**3. The type of services that you provided, e.g. individual speech therapy, group programmes
Individual speech therapy.**

NMH response:

Individual speech therapy.

4. The number of sessions of individual speech therapy you provided in the last year

NMH response:

Five.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

5. The number of any other programmes etc that you offered and the number of participants in these programmes.

NMH response:

Nil.

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 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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Chief Executive