

8 March 2022

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information as received 25 January 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 16 February 2022, where you seek the following information:

- 1. The number of people that have visited any/all hospitals and doctor's surgeries within the NMDHB for any/all heart related issues, (including but not limited to pericarditis, myocarditis, heart attacks and strokes).
The data requested is for the 11 month period from February 2021 until December 2021 inclusive, displayed in month by month format.
And compared to the monthly data for the previous three years.***

NMH response:

Please see Table One for the number of people who presented to the Hospital Emergency Department (ED) and were treated for more than three hours and/ or admitted as inpatients with a clinically coded discharged event related to a *Heart Issue* or *Stroke*, by month, for the specified time frame.

TABLE ONE

arrival_month	2018	2019	2020	2021
February	69	164	219	190
March	27	190	172	230
April	17	175	168	219
May	132	199	212	272
June	188	214	279	220
July	198	229	219	279
August	202	210	262	239
September	190	219	235	241
October	217	213	250	224
November	213	203	234	240
December	207	186	239	224

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

Table Two shows the number of people referred by their General Practitioner (GP) for a *Cardiology Specialty* First Specialist Appointment (FSA) by month, for the specified timeframe.

TABLE TWO

arrival_month	2018	2019	2020	2021
February	80	83	66	99
March	72	90	80	113
April	62	80	48	97
May	73	103	60	108
June	54	80	93	120
July	76	65	128	103
August	76	97	119	99
September	73	76	128	108
October	69	63	108	100
November	82	68	92	124
December	65	83	113	110

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I trust that 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