

14 April 2022

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information as a partial transfer of Part 2 (of 3) from the Ministry of Health and received 21 February 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 21 March 2022, where you seek the following information.

PART 2: Please supply hospitalisation caused solely by covid 19, where covid is the only diagnosis listed, broken down by age group 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+, and by gender, and by vaccination / or non vaccination status between feb 1 2020 up to and including Jan 31 2022.

NMH response:

COVID-19 is not a standalone reason for hospitalisation as stated by Minister Hipkins at this link- [Chris Hipkins admits Government doesn't know which COVID-19 patients are in hospital for virus, versus other illnesses | Newshub](#)

However, we can report that eight people were admitted to hospital for COVID-19 related treatment from the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 to December 2021,

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Yours sincerely

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