

25 May 2022



Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 5 April 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by rescoping 6 April 2022, where you seek the following information.

1. ***“How many ED admissions require CAT (community assessment team) input on a monthly basis for the last 4 years.”***

RESCOPING: “The number of suicide attempts that have presented to ED (including overdose, self harm, physical attempts). Ideally on a month by month basis for the last four years - I would like to see what change the pandemic / lockdowns have made on this.”

NMH response:

Please see Table One for the number of people presenting to Nelson or Wairau Hospital Emergency Department (ED) with ‘Suicidal Thoughts’ for Calendar Years 2018 – 2021, by month.

TABLE ONE

<i>month</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
Jan	8	23	23	25
Feb	10	13	24	12
Mar	21	29	20	13
Apr	18	21	8	14
May	23	20	11	15
Jun	17	13	19	23
Jul	17	12	28	19
Aug	14	24	16	24
Sep	13	14	17	17
Oct	23	19	14	17
Nov	20	19	18	24
Dec	16	19	16	21
Total	200	226	214	224

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive