

8 April 2022

**Supplementary response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your supplementary request for official information received 5 April 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Please kindly clarify what measures NMDHB have in place for comparing their level and type of reportable events with other DHBs.***

**NMH response:**

NMH complies with the Health Quality and Safety Commission (HQSC) adverse event reporting policy (2017); applies the Severity Assessment Criteria guidelines to all adverse events; contributes to the HQSC annual adverse event report (now quarterly); and reviews and shares learning via the HQSC open book publications.

There are well publicised and acknowledged issues in relation to using incident reporting to make comparisons for example [The problem with incident reporting | BMJ Quality & Safety](#)

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Yours sincerely



Lexie O'Shea  
**Chief Executive**

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

1 April 2022

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### Supplementary response to a request for official information

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Thank you for your supplementary request for official information received 24 March 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>2</sup>, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Please provide further information, describing how the number of reportable incidents compare to other hospitals, when adjusted for size etc.*

NMH response:

NMH does not collect the specific information requested.

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Yours sincerely

Eric Sinclair  
Acting Chief Executive

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<sup>2</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

18 March 2022

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## Response to a request for official information

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Thank you for your request for official information received 14 January 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>3</sup>, followed by the necessary extension of time 14 February 2022, notice of decision 28 February 2022 and suggested reframing of Q2 on 8 March 2022, where you seek the following information (enumerated for ease of reference):

- 2. Can you please qualify how there will be no reduction in the level of care when it is clear that there was already an unsafe staffing level at Wairau before the HDU/Inpatient Unit were merged together?*

NMH response:

Clinical units have minimal staffing levels, by merging areas we are able to bring the overall staffing in the combined area up to meet the needs of the patients in the combined area.

- 3. (a) Please clarify the number of reportable events at Wairau Hospital over the last six months, broken down by the day*

NMH response:

Please see the attached spreadsheet for Wairau Hospital reportable events from 30 August 2021 to 5 March 2022, by day.

- (b) REFRAMED: Please clarify the weekly number of reportable events at Wairau Hospital over the last six months, broken down by the day of the week*

NMH response:

Please see Table One by weekday, followed by Table Two by week.

**TABLE ONE**

Weekday	Number of events
Monday	62
Tuesday	61
Wednesday	56
Thursday	50
Friday	60
Saturday	49
Sunday	65

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<sup>3</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

**TABLE TWO**

Week Ending	Number of events
5/09/2021	12
12/09/2021	12
19/09/2021	13
26/09/2021	26
3/10/2021	6
10/10/2021	20
17/10/2021	12
24/10/2021	11
31/10/2021	15
7/11/2021	10
14/11/2021	16
21/11/2021	12
28/11/2021	12
5/12/2021	11
12/12/2021	15
19/12/2021	22
26/12/2021	27
2/01/2022	16
9/01/2022	0
16/01/2022	28
23/01/2022	12
30/01/2022	15
6/02/2022	21
13/02/2022	16
20/02/2022	15
27/02/2022	12
6/03/2022	15

***(c) Can you explain why our local hospital longer provides that level of essential [intensive] care?***

**NMH response:**

Wairau Hospital has a High Dependency Unit (HDU), as has been the case since the hospital was rebuilt in 2009. The difference between an HDU and an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) refers to the staffing and is a result of the development of Intensive Care as a recognised Specialist programme with its own set of Standards defining levels of Intensive Care Medicine, as outlined at this link [IC-1-Minimum-Standards-for-Intensive-Care-Units.pdf \(cicm.org.au\)](https://www.cicm.org.au/IC-1-Minimum-Standards-for-Intensive-Care-Units.pdf)

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', is positioned below the closing text.

Lexie O'Shea  
**Chief Executive**

**NMDHB - OIA 14138 Wairau Hospital Reportable events****\*Events Between 30/08/2021 to 05/03/2022**

		Reported Daily
Date	Actual count	
30/08/2021	3	
31/08/2021	2	
1/09/2021	3	
2/09/2021	0	
3/09/2021	0	
4/09/2021	2	
5/09/2021	1	
6/09/2021	1	
7/09/2021	3	
8/09/2021	1	
9/09/2021	3	
10/09/2021	0	
11/09/2021	3	
12/09/2021	1	
13/09/2021	1	
14/09/2021	1	
15/09/2021	1	
16/09/2021	3	
17/09/2021	2	
18/09/2021	4	
19/09/2021	0	
20/09/2021	4	
21/09/2021	4	
22/09/2021	4	
23/09/2021	5	
24/09/2021	8	
25/09/2021	1	
26/09/2021	1	
27/09/2021	0	
28/09/2021	0	
29/09/2021	3	
30/09/2021	2	
1/10/2021	0	
2/10/2021	0	
3/10/2021	7	
4/10/2021	2	
5/10/2021	1	
6/10/2021	4	
7/10/2021	2	
8/10/2021	3	
9/10/2021	1	
10/10/2021	0	
11/10/2021	1	
12/10/2021	3	
13/10/2021	4	
14/10/2021	2	
15/10/2021	2	
16/10/2021	0	
17/10/2021	1	
18/10/2021	2	
19/10/2021	3	
20/10/2021	0	
21/10/2021	2	
22/10/2021	2	
23/10/2021	1	
24/10/2021	1	
25/10/2021	1	
26/10/2021	4	
27/10/2021	2	
28/10/2021	3	
29/10/2021	4	
30/10/2021	0	
31/10/2021	2	

1/11/2021	1
2/11/2021	1
3/11/2021	2
4/11/2021	2
5/11/2021	1
6/11/2021	1
7/11/2021	0
8/11/2021	0
9/11/2021	2
10/11/2021	3
11/11/2021	2
12/11/2021	1
13/11/2021	8
14/11/2021	3
15/11/2021	3
16/11/2021	0
17/11/2021	1
18/11/2021	3
19/11/2021	2
20/11/2021	0
21/11/2021	0
22/11/2021	4
23/11/2021	0
24/11/2021	1
25/11/2021	1
26/11/2021	5
27/11/2021	1
28/11/2021	0
29/11/2021	2
30/11/2021	3
1/12/2021	2
2/12/2021	1
3/12/2021	0
4/12/2021	3
5/12/2021	0
6/12/2021	1
7/12/2021	0
8/12/2021	3
9/12/2021	1
10/12/2021	6
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15/12/2021	4
16/12/2021	0
17/12/2021	4
18/12/2021	7
19/12/2021	8
20/12/2021	4
21/12/2021	5
22/12/2021	1
23/12/2021	3
24/12/2021	1
25/12/2021	5
26/12/2021	4
27/12/2021	2
28/12/2021	5
29/12/2021	3
30/12/2021	2
31/12/2021	0

1/01/2022	1
2/01/2022	4
3/01/2022	6
4/01/2022	9
5/01/2022	4
6/01/2022	2
7/01/2022	0
8/01/2022	3
9/01/2022	8
10/01/2022	1
11/01/2022	1
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26/01/2022	3
27/01/2022	4
28/01/2022	6
29/01/2022	1
30/01/2022	4
31/01/2022	4
1/02/2022	3
2/02/2022	1
3/02/2022	0
4/02/2022	4
5/02/2022	0
6/02/2022	5
7/02/2022	2
8/02/2022	2
9/02/2022	1
10/02/2022	1
11/02/2022	2
12/02/2022	2
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14/02/2022	3
15/02/2022	3
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17/02/2022	1
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19/02/2022	0
20/02/2022	2
21/02/2022	4
22/02/2022	0
23/02/2022	5
24/02/2022	2
25/02/2022	2
26/02/2022	0
27/02/2022	0
28/02/2022	0
1/03/2022	0
2/03/2022	0
3/03/2022	0
4/03/2022	0
5/03/2022	0