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Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 28 February 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- 1. The total number of births per year at Wairau Hospital from 2012 until 2021 inclusive***

NMH response:

Please see Table One by Calendar Year of Admittance.

TABLE ONE

admit year	Births
2012	533
2013	523
2014	465
2015	457
2016	504
2017	460
2018	487
2019	429
2020	463
2021	465

- 2. The total number of stillbirths, neonatal deaths, maternal deaths and babies born with brain injuries per year at Wairau Hospital from 2012 until 2021 inclusive.***

NMH response:

Please see Table Two on the following page. Due to low numbers in each category there is a risk of individual identifiability; the exact numbers are 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.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

TABLE TWO

admit year	Stillbirths	Neonatal Deaths	Maternal Deaths	Babies born with Brain Injuries
2012	<5*	0	<5*	<5*
2013	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*
2014	7	0	<5*	0
2015	6	0	0	0
2016	<5*	0	0	0
2017	<5*	0	0	<5*
2018	<5*	0	0	<5*
2019	<5*	0	0	<5*
2020	<5*	0	0	<5*
2021	<5*	0	0	<5*
Total	35	<5*	<5*	15

**<5 Low numbers are withheld under s.9(2)(a) in order to protect the privacy of these individuals*

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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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