

26 July 2022

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 16 June 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 15 July 2022, where you seek the following information.

“Please provide the following figures related to bowel screening procedures, including colonoscopy and CT colonography. Please provide these figures by financial year, as a single dollar amount, excluding GST. If this work is covered within existing external contracts, please estimate the annual cost.”

1. *“The external cost of bowel screening in the three years BEFORE your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. In those same years, please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).”*

Health NZ Te Whatu Ora – Nelson Marlborough Response:

There was no outsourcing for bowel screening nor endoscopy services before implementation of the National Bowel Screening Programme (NBSP) in August 2018.

2. *“The external cost of bowel screening every year AFTER your DHB joined the National Bowel Screening Programme. Please also provide the number of procedures done externally (as opposed to in-house DHB services).”*

Health NZ Te Whatu Ora – Nelson Marlborough Response:

Please see Table One for total Cost and total Volume of outsourcing for all Endoscopy service provision which includes bowel screening, diagnostic and surveillance procedures, after implementation of the NBSP, by Financial Year ((FY) 1 July - 30 June).

TABLE ONE

Outsourced Bowel Screening / Endoscopy	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Cost	\$158,843	\$748,673	\$506,822	\$906,832
Total Volume	0	369	291	410

Note: Volumes include Inpatient and Outpatient events

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602. If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

Te Whatu Ora – Nelson Marlborough, 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.

Ngā mihi



Lexie O'Shea
Interim District Director
Nelson Marlborough