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Response to a request for official information

Thank you for your request for official information received 30 May 2022 by Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, followed by the necessary extension of time 29 June 2022 where you seek the following information.

1. *“How many children were referred for precocious puberty in each calendar year from 2006 until the most recent available year (presumably 2021)?”*

Te Whatu Ora – Nelson Marlborough Response:

TABLE ONE

| Calendar year | Unique patient count |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 2006 | 1 |
| 2007 | 3 |
| 2008 | 1 |
| 2009 | 2 |
| 2010 | 1 |
| 2011 | 1 |
| 2012 | 1 |
| 2013 | 0 |
| 2014 | 3 |
| 2015 | 6 |
| 2016 | 2 |
| 2017 | 3 |
| 2018 | 3 |
| 2019 | 1 |
| 2020 | 4 |
| 2021 | 7 |

2. *“How many children were being treated (i.e. total ongoing treatments) for precocious puberty in each calendar year from 2006 until the most recent available year?”*

Te Whatu Ora – Nelson Marlborough Response:

Precocious puberty treatment data is not held in a form that is readily retrievable from our Patient Management System and it would take a significant amount of time and resources to extract and manually review individual patient files to collate this information. As such, under section 18(f), *‘the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research’*.

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