

30 June 2022

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information as transferred from the Ministry of Health and received 22 March 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 14 April 2022 and notice of decision 20 May 2022, where you seek the following information.

Please provide data as follows. This data should be provided on a weekly basis.

- 1. Covid hospitalisation directly related to covid and covid only, by week**

NMH response: Please see Table One which outlines COVID-19 as the direct, or *primary*, cause for hospitalisation, by week since 1 March 2022.

TABLE ONE

Week	Primary
1/03/2022 - 7/03/2022	9
8/03/2022 - 14/03/2022	14
15/03/2022 - 21/03/2022	20
22/03/2022 - 28/03/2022	26
29/03/2022 - 4/04/2022	53
5/04/2022 - 11/04/2022	46
12/04/2022 - 18/04/2022	28
Total	196

- 2. Covid hospitalisation where patient was admitted for another reason and covid was detected after arriving at the hospital, by week**

NMH response: Please see Table Two which outlines COVID-19 as *incidental* to the primary reason for hospitalisation, by week since 1 March 2022.

TABLE TWO

Week	Incidental
1/03/2022 - 7/03/2022	17
8/03/2022 - 14/03/2022	25
15/03/2022 - 21/03/2022	60
22/03/2022 - 28/03/2022	64
29/03/2022 - 4/04/2022	44
5/04/2022 - 11/04/2022	35
12/04/2022 - 18/04/2022	45
Total	290

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

3. ICU and HDU beds used for covid only infections

NMH response: We have no Intensive Care Coronary Unit (ICCU) / High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds used only where COVID-19 is the primary diagnosis for hospitalisation. Bed allocation for ICCU, HDU and general hospital is based on demand.

4. ICU and HDU beds used for non-covid conditions where a covid test after arriving at the hospital showed infection

NMH response: We have no ICCU / HDU beds used only for non-COVID-19 condition patient hospitalisations. Bed allocation is based on demand.

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Yours sincerely



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