

8 December 2021



### Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 8 November 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, followed by the necessary extension of time 6 December 2021, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Who is given information on the daily Covid cases in each DHB region in advance of any Ministry of Health or government statement, or briefing?***

Response:

NMH endeavours to provide a brief update to the Marlborough and Nelson/Tasman Regional Leadership Groups regarding any positive cases in the District. Generally this occurs after immediate case investigation has commenced and prior to Ministry of Health public release.

- 2. Which stakeholders and/or partner organisations are given information?***

NMH response:

The Regional Leadership Groups consist of local Iwi, Mayors, Council, Ministry of Social Development, Police, National Emergency Management Agency, and Chamber of Commerce.

- 3. The nature of the information; what information about the Covid cases are people given?***

NMH response: General information that does not contravene patient privacy is passed on generally being limited to the number of cases, Territorial Local Authority where they are being isolated and any follow up action occurring.

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](http://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 [OIRequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIRequest@nmdhb.govt.nz)

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lexie O'Shea  
**Chief Executive**