

14 December 2021

**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information received 4 November 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, followed by clarification 9 November 2021 and the necessary extension of time 7 December 2021, where you seek the following information:

***We are seeking the information regarding number of merit applications and successful applications the 12 months before receipt of the request***

- 1. The number of pharmacist prescribers employed at the DHB***

NMH response: Nil.

- 2. The number of pharmacy technicians who hold PACT or a level 6 qualification***

NMH response: Nil.

- 3. The number of merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB***

NMH response: Nil.

- 4. The number of successful merit applications broken down into pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants at your DHB***

NMH response: One Pharmacist.

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 [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIArequest@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, cursive script.

Lexie O'Shea  
**Chief Executive**