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Nigel Gray
Via Email: fyi-request-12827-83ab6f33@requests.fyi.org.nz

Response to a request for official information

Dear Nigel

Thank you for your request for official information, a partial transfer of Part 1 (of 2) from the Ministry of Health and received 21 May 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- ***Given that Electroconvulsive [sic] Treatment has been used as a method of torture historically in New Zealand, can you please inform me of the precise number of these devices in NZ hospitals in present time?***

NMH response

Nelson Hospital has one.

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. 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



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Chief Executive

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board