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Via Email: [fyi-request-15634-dc30986b@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-15634-dc30986b@requests.fyi.org.nz)

**Response to a request for official information**

Dear Richard

Thank you for your request for official information received 1 June 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

***Please could you provide all information you may have regarding the effects on aeromedical transfer of patients caused by Wellington Airport's night-time runway closures during 2020-20[2]1. Particularly:***

- 1. The number of patients affected (who could not be transferred, were taken to other airports, or transfer was delayed) & assessment of any harm caused to them***

NMH response: Our aeromedical team provides patient transports during day-time only.

- 2. Any assessment of the financial cost to Nelson Marlborough's aeromedical services caused by Wellington Airport runway closures***

NMH response: There has been no assessment of financial impact.

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) 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**

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