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Response to your request for official information

Dear Karyn

Thank you for your request for official information received by email on 2 August 2017 by the Nelson Marlborough DHB (NMDHB), followed by the necessary extension of time dated 29 August 2017, where you seek the following information:

I am currently researching best practice in regards to security at adult mental health inpatient units across the country. Particularly looking at the use of security cameras within mental health inpatient units. To assist with this I would like to request:

- 1. Does "The Wahi Oranga" mental health inpatient unit currently have security cameras operating within the hospital area?**

I am defining hospital area as including: the reception area, entrance and exit points, main patient leisure areas, occupational therapy spaces, seclusion rooms, patient corridors, intensive care or high dependency areas, private/patient outside garden spaces.

This excludes any cameras operating outside of the inpatient unit treatment areas such as car parks, public hospital grounds.

Yes, security cameras operate within the Nelson Hospital Wahi Oranga Mental Health Admission Unit "hospital area" as per your definition above.

- 2. If the inpatient unit does have cameras operating may you please provide the following information:**

2.a) When were the cameras installed?

The cameras were installed on 24 August 2011.

2.b) Where are the cameras are located?

NMDHB declines to respond under section 9(2)(c) of the Act in order to 'avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public'.

2.c) How many cameras are operating?

Six cameras are operating.

2.d) "Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault" reporting data for one year prior to the installation of any security cameras. For example, if cameras were installed June 2010, I request Seclusion, Restraint and Assault reporting data for the period from June 2009 – June 2010.

Please refer to Table One below, which includes both hours and events for Seclusion.

2.e) "Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault" reporting data for one year after the installation of any security cameras. For example, if cameras were installed June 2010, I request Seclusion, Restraint and Assault reporting data for the period from June 2010 – June 2011.

Please refer to Table One.

Table One:

	Total for August 2010 – August 2011*	Total for August 2011 – August 2012*
Seclusion Hours	7681.5	6432.3
Seclusion Events	171	218
Assault incidents	53.0	21.0
Restraint	59	37

**Month of camera installation was August 2011 – as per request, August 2011 is included in both the pre installation and post installation totals.*

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 freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Peter Bramley
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