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Response to your request for official information

Dear Antony

Thank you for your request for official information received 16 January 2018 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)[1], followed by the necessary extension of time dated 13 February 2018 for further consultation, where you seek the following information.

1. *Bed occupancy rates at the public hospital/hospitals from July 2007 to June 2016. Please note that I would like monthly data on this. However, if monthly data is not available, please specify the reason.*
2. *If monthly data is unavailable, the next preference will be quarterly data, if quarterly is not available then I will accept half-yearly. Furthermore, as last resort yearly data.*
3. *I am also willing to accept data on bed occupancy rates at random intervals within a year.*

Please refer to *Appendix 1* for Nelson Hospital Ward Occupancy and *Appendix 2* for Wairau (Blenheim) Hospital Ward Occupancy for the specified period July 2007 — June 2016, noting the data relates to occupied beds as at midnight and, as such, does not include 'Day Stay' beds.

4. *Not crucial, but if you can also include the method used to calculate bed-occupancy rates by your DHB will be great.*

We have calculated NMH Ward occupancy by the number of beds occupied at midnight divided by the number of beds available.

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 If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the OIA Coordinator at OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

Dr Peter Bramley
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