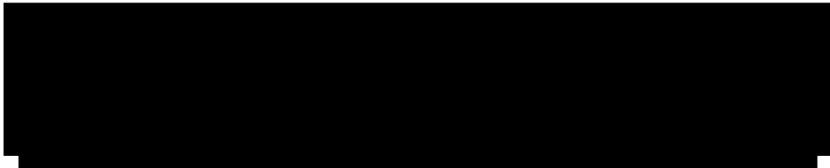


July 31, 2020



**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*
Request – Number of patients that died while on a waiting list**

I am writing in order to provide Fraser Health's response to your FIPPA request. Specifically, you have requested the following information:

"Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in 2018-19. Please break the data out by procedure and case info – (date the patient was referred to a specialist, date for the procedure and date of cancellation.) Please also note the government's target time for providing the procedure in question."

Further to our telephone conversation, you had agreed on a particular format for the response. Please find attached a records created to respond to your request. Please note that this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for surgery and patient death.

We trust that your request for information has now been satisfied and that no further action with regard to your request is required of this office.

Should you find this response unsatisfactory, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review Fraser Health Authority's decision. You have 30 business days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Detailed information on how to request a review by OIPC is available on the OIPC website: <http://www.oipc.bc.ca>.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the processing of your request, please email our FOI team at FOI@fraserhealth.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doug Luther", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Luther
FOI Coordinator
Fraser Health Authority

Surgery Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death

Fraser Health - Fiscal Year 2018/19

This report provides summary counts of bookings for surgery that were cancelled from the FH waitlist during fiscal year 2018/19 (1st Apr 2018 to 31st Mar 2019) due to patient death.

Report date: 2020-07-30

Data source: BC Surgical Patient Registry

Notes:

- These data reflect bookings for surgeries in an operating room. Other areas (such as ambulatory procedure rooms, endoscopy suites, etc) are not reflected here.
- The report covers bookings that were cancelled during the fiscal year. There can be a delay between the patient's death and the booking office being notified to cancel the booking. As such, this is not a direct tally of patients who died during the fiscal year.
- In addition, the wait time measurement is from the date the booking form received to date of cancellation of the booking. As such, reported wait time will be often greater than the time on the waitlist at the time of death.
- To protect patient confidentiality, tallies of procedure types below 10 counts are not shown directly, but are reflected in the "other" category.

Primary procedure	Count	Proportion with wait time > 26w
Cataract Extraction & IOL Implant	133	34%
Posterior Vitrectomy/Gas Exchange/Membrane Peel	10	50%
Other procedures with <10 counts	134	30%
Total	277	32%