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Access to information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: PMH-2020-07

On January 20, 2020, Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) received your request for access to the following records:

- 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.

On February 25, 2020, we contacted you to inform you that there was a misunderstanding with the request and that due to this, we would be late responding.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access has been granted in part. Please see the attached, which shows the number of patients that have died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure, the type of procedure and the scheduled and cancellation date of the procedure in Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) in 2018/2019. Please use caution when interpreting the information under the scheduled date for procedure and date of cancellation due to death columns. In some cases, the scheduled procedure date was cancelled prior to death due to other patient specific reasons. The patient was then placed back on the waiting list for the surgical procedure and the surgery date was not rescheduled prior to patient death.

The information being provided is based on entry into an electronic surgical information system. The date the patient was referred to a specialist is not captured in this system, and in some facilities in PMH, the scheduled date for the procedure was not collected for the timeframe of the request. Consequently, these records do not exist in the manner in which you requested. Therefore, access to the remaining records which you requested are refused as these records do not exist. The government does not have a target time for providing these procedures. Accordingly, your request for access is refused under paragraph 12(1)(c)(i) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Additionally, your request for the type of procedure is refused, as these records contain information that falls within the following exceptions to disclosure in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's privacy.

17(2) A disclosure of personal information about a third party is deemed to be an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy if,

(a) The personal information is personal health information.

Given the specific type of procedure or the low numbers of the type of procedure, this information along with details of dates, may identify a patient whose personal health information was collected for purposes of provision of health care.

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this notice to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
982-9130
1-800-665-0531

Sincerely,



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**Number of Patients that have Died While on a Waiting List for a Surgical Procedure in
2018/2019**

Number of Patients	Type of Procedure	Scheduled Date for Procedure	Date of Cancellation due to Death
1	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	February 22, 2019
2	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	August 31, 2018
3	Cataract	September 23, 2016	July 9, 2018
4	Cataract	November 2, 2017	September 14, 2018
5	Cataract	No surgery date scheduled	July 5, 2018
6	Cataract	February 28, 2018	April 25, 2019
7	Cataract	May 16, 2018	June 26, 2018
8	Cataract	No surgery date scheduled	August 9, 2018
9	Cataract	No surgery date scheduled	June 15, 2018
10	Cataract	August 20, 2018	October 24, 2018
11	Cataract	December 14, 2018	January 2, 2019
12	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	February 19, 2019
13	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	May 2, 2018
14	17(1), 17(2)(a)	July 25, 2018	July 16, 2018
15	17(1), 17(2)(a)	November 14, 2018	November 20, 2018
16	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	March 12, 2018
17	17(1), 17(2)(a)	July 31, 2017	April 25, 2018
18	17(1), 17(2)(a)	February 19, 2019	March 6, 2019
19	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	September 26, 2018
20	17(1), 17(2)(a)	November 30, 2018	January 22, 2019
21	17(1), 17(2)(a)	March 12, 2019	February 25, 2019
22	17(1), 17(2)(a)	No surgery date scheduled	November 15, 2018
23	17(1), 17(2)(a)	July 23, 2018	October 1, 2018
24	17(1), 17(2)(a)	Not collected	April 24, 2018
25	17(1), 17(2)(a)	Not collected	May 1, 2018
26	17(1), 17(2)(a)	Not collected	August 16, 2018
27	17(1), 17(2)(a)	Not collected	July 16, 2018