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February 10, 2020

Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Request for: Provide data on the number of patients that died on a waiting list for a procedure in 2018-2019. Break out the data by procedure and case info (date the patient was referred to a specialist, date of procedure and date of cancellation.) Please note the government's target time for each procedure in question.

Time Frame: January 2018 – End of December 2019

File No.: 2020-10

I am writing in response to your request for access to information described above, pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("the Act"), which was received by Health PEI on January 14, 2020. We are pleased to provide you with access to the available information in the table below.

Please note that the requested information is only available for the specific procedures on which Health PEI reports wait times to the Canadian Institute for Health Information ("CIHI"). In response to your request for case information, we are pleased to provide you with average length of time on wait list prior to cancellation of procedure. As the number of patients included in the counts for each procedure is very low, release of the specific dates related to individual patients could have impacts to personal privacy.

Procedure Wait List Information - Jan 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019

	<i>Number of patients who died on waiting list¹</i>	<i>Average length of time on wait list prior to cancellation</i>	<i>CIHI Benchmark Wait Time - 2018</i>
Hip replacement	1	74 days	182 days
Knee replacement	2	157 days	182 days
Hip fracture repair	0	n/a	48 hours
Cataract surgery	12	144 days	112 days
Radiation therapy ²	1	3 days	28 days

Notes

1. Wait list is defined, for the purposes of reporting to CIHI, as the period of time between the patient accepting the first available appointment for the procedure and the booked date for the procedure. Date of referral to specialist is not collected by Health PEI.
2. For radiation therapy, wait list is defined as the period of time between Ready to treat date and start of therapy. Ready to treat refers to the date on which all pre-treatment investigations and any planned delay is over and the patient is ready to begin the treatment process from both a social/personal and medical perspective.

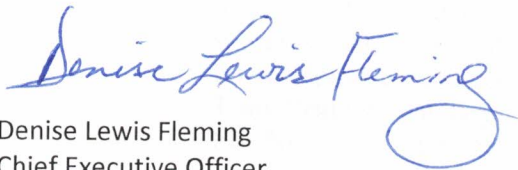
Section 60 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter regarding this decision. You have sixty (60) days from the date of this notice to request a review by writing the Information and Privacy Commissioner at the J. Angus MacLean Building, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Commissioner with the following information:

1. The reference number quoted at the top of this notice.
2. A copy of this letter.
3. A copy of your original request for information sent to Health PEI.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne MacDougall, Manager of Health Privacy and Information Access, by email (jnmacdougall@gov.pe.ca) or by phone at (902) 368-4942.

Sincerely,



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- c. Jeanne MacDougall, Manager of Health Privacy and Information Access