



**RE: Your request for access to information under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: 2020-27.***

On June 24, 2020 the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority received your request for access to the following information:

1. Please provide documentation on the number of cancelled or postponed surgeries, health procedures and consultations due to COVID-19. Please be sure to provide any other documentation related to the impact on health care waiting lists due to COVID-19 (and postponed/cancelled health procedures, surgeries, consultations, etc.).

Clarification of the information being requested was sought and determined to be the number of cancelled/postponed surgeries, (any surgery/procedure that would be performed in an operating room) and also the number of cancelled/postponed pre-op consultations due to COVID-19. For the second part of the request, seeking any guidelines/memos created by hospital administration regarding cancelling/postponing surgeries and pre-op consultations due to COVID-19.

Time frame requested is from February 1, 2020 to present.

The Interlake-Eastern RHA would like to report that access is granted in part to the requested information.

1. There were a total of 116 OR cases postponed/cancelled related to COVID (inclusive of 9 patients who self-cancelled). As of June 26<sup>th</sup> we have 71 cases left to book. 65 of the outstanding 71 patients remain with the surgeon's office and we are awaiting direction to book. (Please note that Endoscopies are not performed in an Operating Room).

Access to the number of cancelled/postponed surgeries, (any surgery/procedure performed in an operating room) and also the number of cancelled/postponed pre-op consultations due to COVID-19 is refused under section 12(1)(c)(i) as these records do not exist. This is managed by individual surgeons and communication between anesthesia and surgeons does not include Selkirk Regional Health Centre admin staff.

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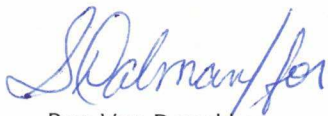
Access is also refused to any guidelines/memos created by hospital administration regarding cancelling/postponing surgeries and pre-op consultations due to COVID-19 as these records do not exist. There were no site specific internal memos, all information was disseminated by Shared Health.

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

Manitoba Ombudsman  
750 – 500 Portage Ave.  
Winnipeg, MB. R3C 3X1  
1-800-665-0531 toll-free

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 204-785-4701.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Van Denakker".

Ron Van Denakker  
Access and Privacy Officer

cc. S. Dalman, FIPPA Coordinator