



July 22, 2020

Dear Mr. Haurin:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Our File Number PMH-2020-23.

On July 24, 2020, Prairie Mountain Health received your request for access to the following records:

- 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.).

On June 24, 2020, we contacted you for clarification of your request. After discussion, it was determined that you are seeking the number of all cancelled/postponed surgeries/procedures in Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) due to COVID-19. We determined that this would reflect any surgery/procedure that would occur in an operating room. By consultations, you clarified that this would be any pre-operative consultation that would be completed prior to a surgery/procedure. You also clarified that you were seeking any memos or guidelines created by hospital administration regarding cancelling/postponing surgeries and pre-operative consultations due to COVID-19.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. Since February 1, 2020, there have been 575 cancelled/postponed surgeries and there have been 29 pre-operative consultations cancelled/postponed due to COVID-19 in PMH.

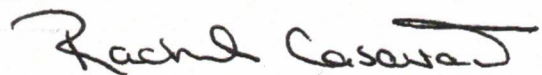
Access to the remaining records which you requested, in particular, memos or guidelines created by hospital administration in PMH regarding cancelling/postponing surgeries and pre-op consultations due to COVID-19 is refused as the records do not exist. Accordingly, your request for access is refused under paragraph 12(1) (c) (i) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as these records do not exist.

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 Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1  
982-9130  
1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions, please contact me at 204-622-4155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Casavant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

Rachel Casavant  
Access and Privacy Coordinator - Prairie Mountain Health  
204-622-4155

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