

December 23, 2020



Re: Partial Access – OUR FILE# NSHA-2020-69

On 2020/11/27 Nova Scotia Health received your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act for a copy of the following:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure in fiscal year 2019-20. Please break the data out by procedure and case info - date the patient was referred to a specialist, decision date, date for the procedure and date of cancellation. Please also note the government's target time for providing the procedure in question. (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations)

Attached / Enclosed, please find a copy of the records located in response to your request. Please kindly note that we have withheld the dates requested in your request due to the possibility of identification of patients. Portions of these records have been withheld pursuant to sections 20 (personal information) of the FOIPOP Act.

In relation to your request for:

Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for either a diagnostic scan or a consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2019-20. Please break the data out by procedure and case info- date the patient went on the waiting list, date for the meeting with the specialist or date for diagnostic scan (if scheduled), and date of cancellation. Please also note the government's target time for providing the meeting or scan in question. (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations)

Please kindly note that we have no dataset that captures this kind of information. We are now closing your application with our office.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address or telephone number provided above.

You have the right to seek a review with the Review Officer within 60 days of receiving this decision. Complete details of the process are outlined on the website of the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner:

<https://foipop.ns.ca/request-a-review>

Sincerely,

Fola Adeleke

For: The Privacy Office
Nova Scotia Health Authority

c/c: to file