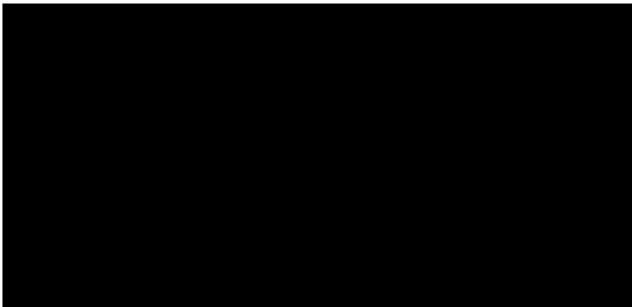


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November 30, 2020



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

**Request for:** "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)"

**Time Frame:** Fiscal year 2019-2020

**File No.:** 2020-62

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 November 17, 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.

<b>Procedure Wait List Information – April 1, 2019- March 31, 2020</b>			
	<i>Number of patients who died on waiting list<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Average length of time on wait list prior to cancellation</i>	<i>CIHI Benchmark Wait Time - 2019</i>
Hip replacement	1	320	182 days
Knee replacement	2	290	182 days
Hip fracture repair	0	0	48 hours
Cataract surgery	15	180	112 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.

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 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](mailto:jnmacdougall@gov.pe.ca)) or by phone at (902) 368-4942.

Sincerely,



Denise Lewis Fleming  
Chief Executive Officer

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