



December 11, 2020

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Our File Number PMH-2020-80.

On November 16, 2020, Prairie Mountain Health received your request for access to the following records:

- 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 data out by procedure and case info – date the patient went on a 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.

On November 18, 2020, we contacted you to clarify what type of specialist you are referring to. You clarified that you are seeking information on deaths that occurred while on a waiting list for a surgical consult. These consults would occur prior to any surgery scheduled. You agreed to amend your request to:

- Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for either a diagnostic scan or a surgical consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2019-20. Please break data out by procedure and case info – date the patient went on a 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.

On November 23, 2020, we transferred a portion of your request to Shared Health, specifically regarding patients that died while on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan in fiscal year 2019/20 because this information would be in the custody and control of that public body.

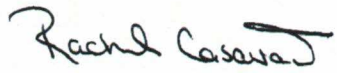
Access to the remaining records is refused, specifically, the number of patients that died while waiting for a surgical consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2019/20 as Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) does not collect this data. This data may exist with the physician's office where the surgical consultations occur which does not fall under the purview of PMH.

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

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Casavant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

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