Healthy Albertans. Healthy Communities. **Together.**

Reference Number: 2022-G-196



Dear Mrs. Schulz:

Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act

Final Response to Request for Information

I am writing in response to your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

Specifically, your request reads as follows:

Please provide the most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are currently on a waiting list or are waiting to be placed on a waiting list for:

- a) a surgery or procedure
- b) a diagnostic scan
- c) appt. with a specialist.

Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled

Please note that nothing in this correspondence (or its attachments) constitutes a waiver of any privilege.

We are pleased to provide access to the records you requested; a copy of the records are enclosed.

Also, AHS understands that you are interested in data on the subject of appointments with a specialist. AHS does not have information pertaining to specialists that operate in the community using their own private EMR and the *FOIP Act* does not replace existing procedures for access to information or records. You may want to consider accessing data from online information repositories that allow functional searches on the subject wait times from primary care to then seeing a specialist. Here are a few that contain information about Alberta but you may contact IAS if there is a specific record you are seeking access to.

- 1. Alberta Wait Times Reporting: Wait Time Trends
 - http://waittimes.alberta.ca/WaitTimeTrends.jsp
- 2. Alberta Referral Directory Home
 - https://albertareferraldirectory.ca/SetUpController?activeMenuButton=&activeSubMenuButton



- 3. Wait Times | Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute
 - https://www.albertaboneandjoint.com/for-patients/wait-times/
- 4. Explore wait times for priority procedures across Canada | CIHI
 - https://www.cihi.ca/en/explore-wait-times-for-priority-procedures-across-canada

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the processing of your request, please contact us at IAS@ahs.ca.

Please note that under section 65 of the *FOIP Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta to review any decision made on your request. To request a review, you must complete and deliver a *Request for Review* form within 60 days from the date of this notice to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner #410, 9925 – 109 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5K 2J8

The form is available on the Commissioner's website www.oipc.ab.ca or you can call 1-888-878-4044 (in Edmonton, call 780-422-6860) to request a copy of the form.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) with the following information:

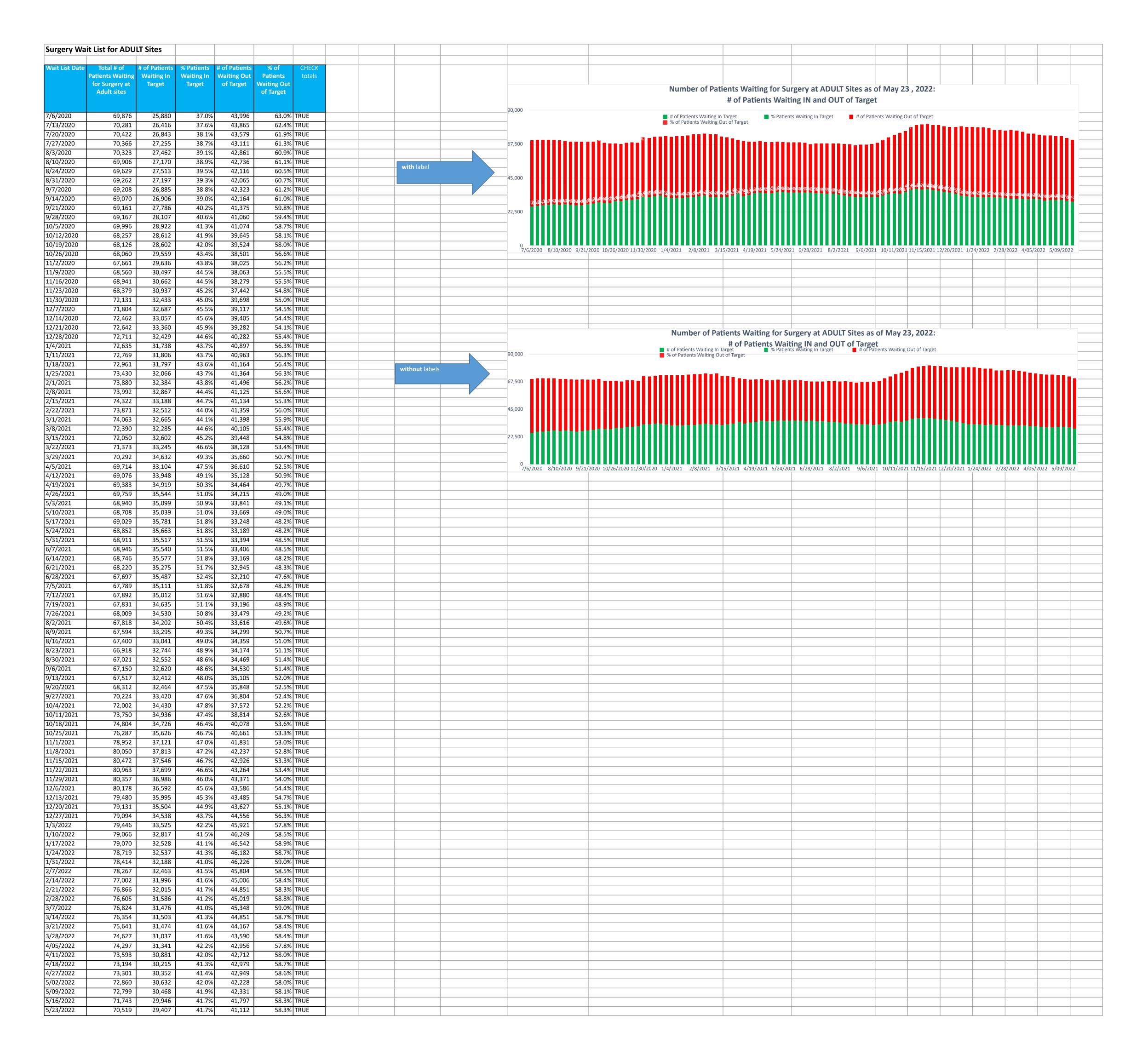
- 1. A copy of this letter.
- 2. A copy of your original request form that you sent to Alberta Health Services.
- 3. A completed OIPC Request for Review Form.

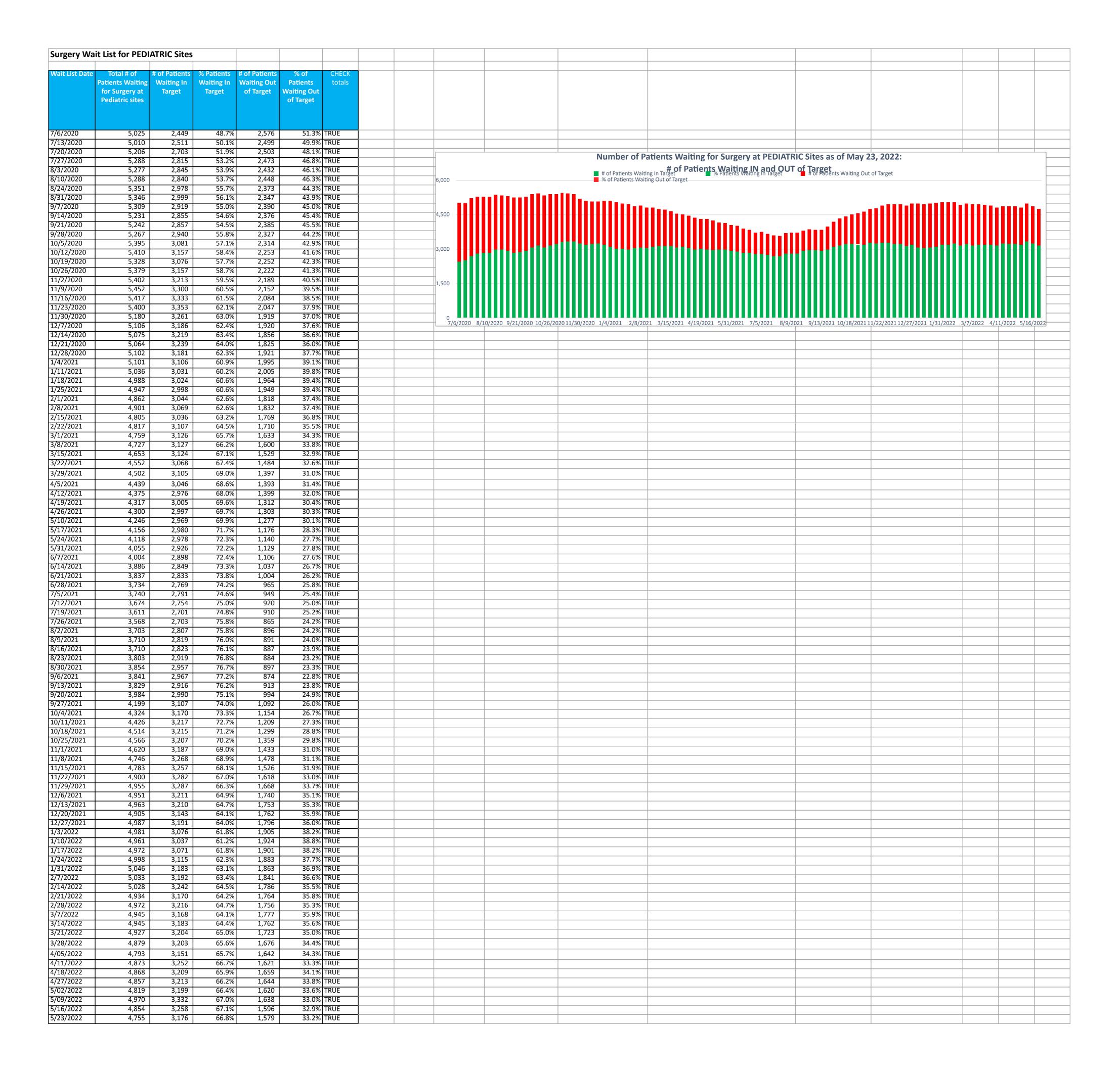
Sincerely,

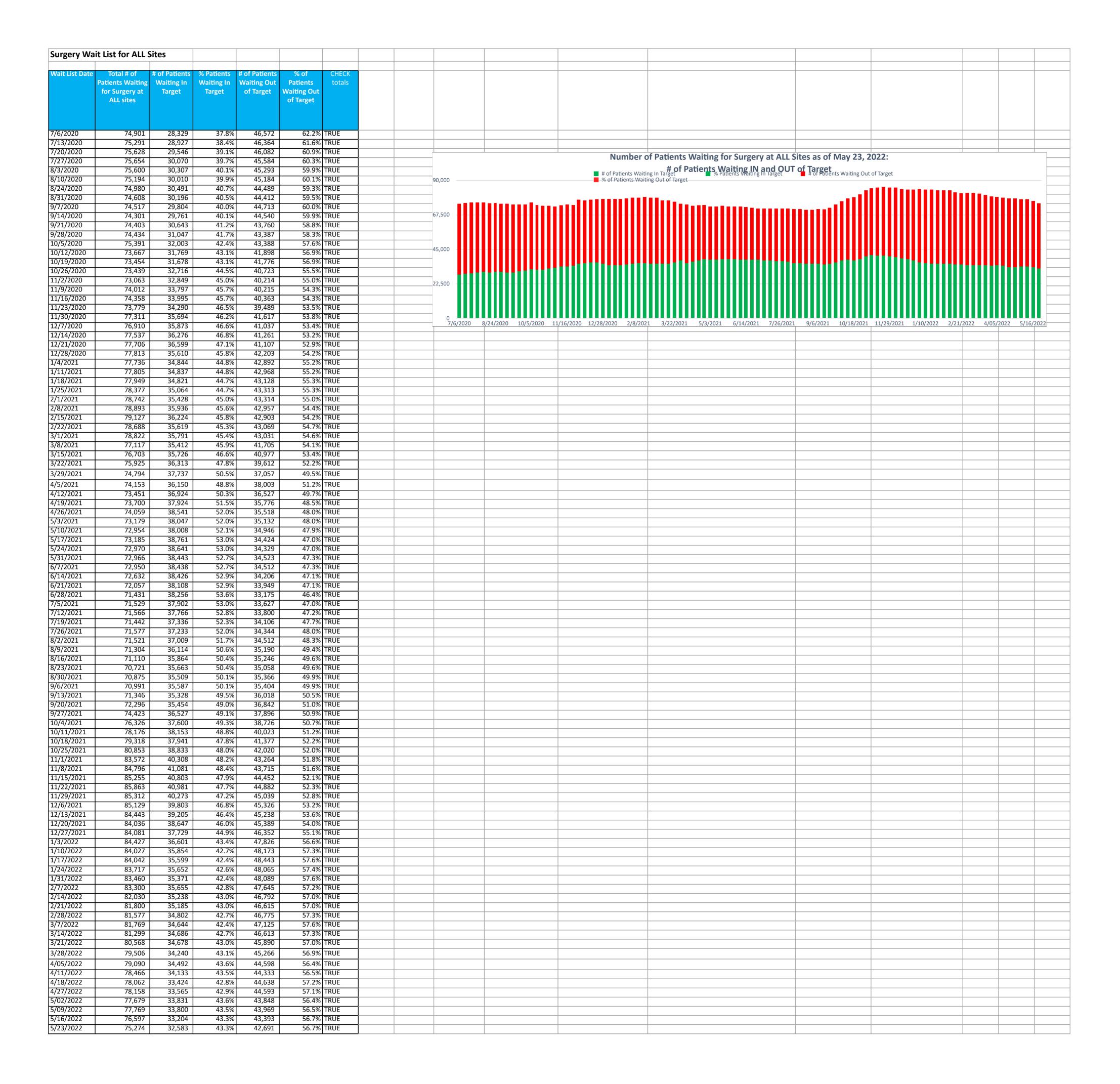
Information Access Services
Legal & Privacy, Alberta Health Services
Seventh Street Plaza
5th Floor, North Tower
10030 – 107 Street
Edmonton, AB
T5J 3E4

Enclosures: Record package – 1 spreadsheet document with four sheets of data









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Services				
Diagnostic Imagir	ng			
Services	19			
Alberta Health Serv	rices			
Diagnostic Imaging Services				
Data ending March 31st 2022				
Mar-22	# of Patients Waiting			
СТ	50,615			
MRI	55,915			
PET	2,252			
r L 1	2,232			
CT and MRI stats are for end of March 2022.				
Data Sources:				
Cerner Millennium				
Agfa RIS				
Epic Radiant				
Meditech RIS				
Diagnostic Scan Definition:				
	aging for a diagnostic so		following ir	naging categ
СТ	Computed Tomography			
MR	Magnetic Resonance In			
PET	Positron Emission Tomography			