



File: 292-30/HTH-2022-21384

June 13, 2022

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Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

*The most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are:
Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure;
Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan;
Currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment with a
specialist.; The date the data was compiled.*

(Date Range for Record Search: From 5/3/2022 To 5/3/2022)

Please note that the ministry has responded to your request, noted in red below:

- 1) The most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are currently on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure
The number of patients on the surgical waitlist at April 28, 2022 is 88,804.
- 2) The most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are currently waiting to be placed on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure
Please be advised that this information is not collected by the Ministry.
- 3) The most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan.
The medical imaging database does not have this information at this time.

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- 4) The most recent data on the number of patients in the province (or best estimate) who are currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment with a specialist:

The Ministry of Health does not collect information relating to this.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Klincy D'souza, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778-974-3639. This number can also be reached toll-free at 1 833 283-8200. Please provide the FOI request number, found at the top right of the first page of this letter, in any communications.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Klincy D'souza

Klincy D'souza, FOI Analyst
On behalf of Darlene Kotchonoski, Manager
Justice / Health Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.