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August 11, 2021

FHA File: 22-0410 & 0411

Via email: kristen@secondstreet.org

Kristen Schulz

Dear Kristen Schulz:

**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*
Request – Fraser Health 22-0410 & 0411**

I am writing in response to your FIPPA request made to Fraser Health on May 24, 2022. Specifically, you requested the following information:

1. *"(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 2021-22. Please break the data out by procedure and case info – date the patient went on the waiting list, date for the meeting with a specialist or date for diagnostic scan (if scheduled), and date of cancellation. Please also note the government's target time for providing the consultation or scan in question. (Note: many hospitals/health regions were able to identify such cases as they track the reason for cancelled operations).)"*

2. *"(Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2021-22. 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).)"*

After conducting a search for records 2 pages were found in response to your request. The records have been provided in their entirety.

Please note that this report cannot be used to determine a correlation between the wait time for surgery and patient death.

Should you wish, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review Fraser Health's response. You have 30 business days from receipt of this notice to request a review in writing to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Detailed information on how to request a review by OIPC is available on the OIPC website: <http://www.oipc.bc.ca>.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the processing of your request, please email the author of this letter at Roseann.whitton@fraserhealth.ca.

Sincerely,

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Surgery Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death

Fraser Health - Fiscal Year 2021/22

This report provides summary counts of bookings for surgery that were cancelled from the FH waitlist during fiscal year 2021/22 (1st Apr 2021 to 31st Mar 2022) due to patient death.

Report date: 2022-06-02

Data source: BC Surgical Patient Registry

Notes:

- These data reflect bookings for surgeries in an operating room. Other areas (such as ambulatory procedure rooms, endoscopy suites, etc) are not reflected here.
- The report covers bookings that were cancelled during the fiscal year. There can be a delay between the patient's death and the booking office being notified to cancel the booking. As such, this is not a direct tally of patients who died during the fiscal year.
- In addition, the wait time measurement is from the date the booking form received to date of cancellation of the booking. As such, reported wait time will be often greater than the time on the waitlist at the time of death.
- To protect patient confidentiality, tallies of procedure types below 10 counts are not shown directly, but are reflected in the "other" category.

Primary procedure	Count	Proportion with wait time > 26w
Cataract Extraction & IOL Implant	151	38%
Transurethral Resection Prostate	15	47%
Arthroplasty Knee Replacement	14	57%
<i>Other procedures with <10 counts</i>	147	33%
Total	327	37%

Freedom of Information Report

FHA # of patients Cancelled when Cancelled reason = EXP (Deceased)

Appt date June 8, 2021 to June 2, 2022

Total Count = 1188

Modality	Count of Patients	% Waited > 24 weeks
Bone Density	30	16.67%
Computed Tomography	387	22.22%
Diagnostic Mammography	7	28.57%
Echocardiogram	112	30.36%
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	87	26.44%
Nuclear Medicine	148	4.05%
Interventional Radiology	235	5.96%
Ultrasound	142	24.65%
General Radiology (Including Fluoroscopy)	40	12.50%
Total	1188	17.68%

The data is broken down by

- Modality

Waiting time is calculated as follows:

- Date Requisition was received

- Date Appointment was scheduled

**Note: The data is provided for one year June 8, 2021 to June 2, 2022 as it is only possible to pull 1 year of data*