

December 7, 2022

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Dear Kristen Schulz:

RE: Access to Information Request – HE50-23G

Thank you for your Access to Information Request received in this office on December 5, 2022, pursuant to *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) requesting:

“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 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**

Please be sure to note the date the data was compiled.”

In reviewing your request for information, we identified you submitted the same request, which was processed earlier this year (Ministry of Health Identifier HE06-23G).

We would like to take this opportunity to advise that while the Act generally applies to all records held by public bodies, pursuant to section 3(1)(a), the Act does not apply to published material.

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For future reference, to expedite your access to publically available information, we suggest that you refer to the Ministry of Health webpages to obtain the most recent information relating to wait times for surgery and diagnostic imaging. It is anticipated that these webpages will be updated by the end of December 2022 and can be found at the following web addresses:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/surgery/surgical-performance-and-wait-times>; and

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/medical-imaging/medical-imaging-wait-times>.

As it relates to the portion of your request for wait lists for specialists, as noted in previous correspondence, these records do not exist within the Ministry of Health. This notification is provided in accordance with section 7(2)(e) of the Act.

Should you be dissatisfied with the response you receive or the manner in which your request is handled, as per section 49 of the Act you may, within one year of being given written notice or from the date deemed to be the last day of notice, apply for a formal process review by submitting a written request to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
503, 1801 Hamilton Street
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If you have any questions regarding this file, please contact Anthony Santangelo, at (306) 798-5114, or by email at anthony.santangelo@health.gov.sk.ca.

Please cite the assigned Ministry of Health identifier number **HE50-23G** when making an enquiry.

Yours truly,



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cc: Anthony Santangelo, Senior Policy Analyst