

## GN File #1029-20-2324DH44156

April 18, 2024

BY EMAIL



## RE: Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Request #1029-20-2324DH44156

Dear Ms. Schulz:

This letter is in response to your request for access to information under the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) Act* for the following information:

Please provide the most recent data for the time frame between October 14, 2023 and March 11, 2024 on the number of patients in Nunavut 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.

It has been identified that the information provided to you in previous similar releases did not include information for the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot Regions and only included information for the Qikiqtaaluk Region. The Department is now currently looking into identifying the data for the time frame between October 14, 2023, and March 11, 2024, for the other two regions.

Normally, the Department of Health responds to a request for information within 25 business days after receiving the request. However, in limited circumstances, the *ATIPP Act* provides that a public body may extend this time limit.



## S 11(1)(b): Large Number of Records

Your request involves searching through a large number of records. The volume of records involved cannot be processed within the usual 25 business day limit. An extension of time of 25 days will allow the Department of Health to provide you with additional information in response to your request.

Please see the Department's response to your questions below for the Qikiqtaaluk Region:

1. Number of patients in Nunavut currently on a waitlist or waiting to be placed on a waitlist for a surgery or procedure.

A: Total 825 as of March 26, 2024.

2. Number of patients in Nunavut currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a wait list for a diagnostic scan.

A: Total 68 as of March 13, 2024.

3. Number of patients in Nunavut currently on a waiting list or waiting to be placed on a wait list for an appointment with a specialist.

A: Total 749 as of March 18, 2024.

A response to your request will be ready no later than May 22, 2024. We will try to respond sooner, if possible. If you feel this time extension is unjustified, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. You have 25 business days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to the Commissioner at:

Information and Privacy Commissioner PO Box 1000, Station #270 607 Queen Elizabeth II Way Iqaluit, Nunavut, X0A 0H0

tel: (867) 979-3081 | email: <u>admin@atipp-nu.ca</u>

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Commissioner with the following information:

- 1. The reference number quoted at the top of this notice.
- 2. A copy of this letter.
- 3. A copy of your original request for information that you sent to the Department.
- 4. The reason why you are requesting a review.



Should you have any further questions regarding this file, please contact Murugesh Narayanan, ATIPP Coordinator by e-mail at <a href="mailto:mnarayanan@gov.nu.ca">mnarayanan@gov.nu.ca</a> or by phone at (867) 975 – 5729. While Mr. Narayanan is out of office until May 6, 2024, please contact Katie Didham, Manager of Policy and Planning, at <a href="mailto:kdidham3@gov.nu.ca">kdidham3@gov.nu.ca</a> or by phone at (867) 979 – 5775.

Sincerely,

Megan Hunt

Deputy Minister Health Government of Nunavut