



Better health.
Best in health care.

June 16, 2025

FHA File: 25-1016

Via email: *kristen@secondstreet.org*

Attn: Kristen Schulz

Dear Kristen Schulz:

**Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*
Request – Fraser Health 25-1016**

I am writing in response to your FIPPA request made to Fraser Health on May 7, 2025. Specifically, you requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide data on the number of patients that died while on a waiting list for surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2024-2025. 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)*
- 2. 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 2024-2025. Please break the data out by scan/consultation 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).*

After conducting a search for records in Surgery Information Systems 1 page was found in response to item 1 above.

The records have been provided in their entirety.

Further to item 2 above we require additional time to complete our search for responsive records. Section 10(1)(b) of FIPPA provides that we may extend

Fraser Health Authority
Corporate Office
FOI Office

Suite 400 – Central City Tower
13450 - 102nd Avenue
Surrey, BC V3T 0H1

VM (236)-484-1479
Fax (604)-587-4666
www.fraserhealth.ca

the time limit for this purpose. Accordingly, we will respond to this portion of your request on or before August 1, 2025.

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 the 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 kristina.schnitzer@fraserhealth.ca.

Sincerely,



Kristina Schnitzer
Advisor
Freedom of Information
Fraser Health Authority

Surgery Bookings Cancelled due to Patient Death

Fraser Health - Fiscal Year 2024/25

This report provides summary counts of bookings for surgery that were cancelled from the FH waitlist during fiscal year 2024/25 (1st Apr 2024 to 31st Mar 2025) due to patient death.

Report date: 2025-05-15

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.
- The reported wait time for a cancelled surgery reflects the wait time when the surgery is removed from the waitlist. This is typically longer than the time that the patient had been on the waitlist at the time of death.
- To protect patient confidentiality, data for less common types of surgery are grouped under the row marked with "Other procedures with <10 counts".

Primary procedure	Count	Proportion with wait time > 26w
Cataract Extraction & IOL Implant	78	6%
Arthroplasty Knee Replacement	16	63%
Other procedures with <10 counts	108	15%
Total	202	15%