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May 23, 2025

Kristen Schulz 1014 Ashburn Street Winnipeg, MB R3G 3E3

Dear Ms. Schulz:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Our File Number PMH-2025-26-11

On April 16, 2025, Prairie Mountain Health received your request for access to the following records:

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 2024-25. Please break the data out by scan/consultation 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).

The timeframe for this request is April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

On April 17, 2025, we transferred a portion of your request to Shared Health, specifically the patients that died while on a waiting list for a diagnostic scan in fiscal year 2023-24 because this information would be in the custody and control of that public body.

Access to the remaining records is refused, specifically, the number of patients that died while waiting for a surgical consultation with a specialist in fiscal year 2024-25 as Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) does not collect this data. This data may exist with the physician's office where the surgical consultations occur which does not fall under the purview of PMH. Accordingly, your request for access is refused under paragraph 12(1)(c)(i) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act..

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this notice to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman 300-5 Donald Street Winnipeg MB R3L 2T4 982-9130 1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mathew Culson

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