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Kristen Schulz
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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-2026-27-13

On May 4, 2026, Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) 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 surgery or a procedure in fiscal year 2025-26. Please break the data out by procedure/surgery 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).
> Date range: April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. Please find the enclosed information which shows the number of patients that have died while on a waiting list for a surgical procedure, decision to treat date, the scheduled and the cancellation date of the procedure (removal from waitlist) in PMH for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Please use caution when interpreting the information under the Scheduled Date for Procedure and Date of Cancellation due to Death columns. In some cases, the scheduled procedure date was cancelled prior to death due to other patient specific reasons. The patient was then placed back on the waiting list for the surgical procedure, and the surgery date was not rescheduled prior to patient death. Please note that the reason for patient's death is not necessarily documented in the surgical system. Therefore, the enclosed data cannot be used to determine a correlation between the surgery or the wait time for surgery and patient death.

Due to the updates implemented within the electronic surgical information system, the availability of certain data fields that were previously accessible has changed. Consequently, the scheduled date of procedure is no longer collected and/or retained within the electronic surgical information system for most of our facilities. This information may be found in the client's health record; however, this would require a manual search and would be deemed an unreasonable invasion of the client's personal health information. In addition, your request for the type of procedure is also refused where the specific type or the low numbers of the procedure, along with details of dates, it may indirectly and inadvertently identify a patient whose personal health information was collected for purposes of provision of health care. This information falls within the following exceptions to disclosure in *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

> 17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's privacy.
>
> 17(2) A disclosure of personal information about a third party is deemed to be an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy if,
> (a) The personal information is personal health information

As required by the following subsection 7(2) of the *Act*, we have severed information that is excepted from

disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

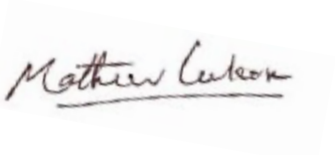
> **7(2)** The right of access to a record does not extend to information that is excepted from disclosure under Division 3 or 4 of this Part, but if that information can reasonably be severed from the record, an applicant has a right of access to the remainder of the record.

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about our decision respecting your request for access to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter 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

Should you have any questions related to our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Number of Patients that have Died While on a Waiting List for a Surgical Procedure in 2025/2026

Type of Procedure	Decision to Treat Date	Scheduled Date for Procedure	Date of Cancellation due to Death
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-02-07	Not Collected or Retained	2025-04-10
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-17	Not Collected or Retained	2025-04-10
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-01-08	Not Collected or Retained	2025-06-30
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-01-20	Not Collected or Retained	2025-05-20
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-14	Not Collected or Retained	2025-04-30
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-01-27	Not Collected or Retained	2025-07-11
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-02-19	Not Collected or Retained	2025-05-20
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-01-28	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-21
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-05-09	Not Collected or Retained	2025-05-23
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-21	Not Collected or Retained	2025-05-26
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-01-31	Not Collected or Retained	2025-05-20
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-05-05	Not Collected or Retained	2025-06-09
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-05-27	Not Collected or Retained	2025-06-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-02-12	Not Collected or Retained	2025-04-22
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-02-12	Not Collected or Retained	2025-04-23
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-02-21	Not Collected or Retained	2025-08-18
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-04-01	Not Collected or Retained	2025-07-11
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-04-09	Not Collected or Retained	2025-07-11
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-02-28	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-18
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-17	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-18
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-17	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-19
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-07	Not Collected or Retained	2025-08-21
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-21	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-24	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-19
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-24	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-19
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-25	Not Collected or Retained	2025-06-03
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-08-25	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-08
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-01	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-09-29	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-20
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-26	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-03
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-01	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-22
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-31	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-31
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-25	Not Collected or Retained	2025-11-01
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-09-29	Not Collected or Retained	2025-11-04
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-31	Not Collected or Retained	2025-11-18
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-04-07	Not Collected or Retained	2025-09-24
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-04-25	Not Collected or Retained	2025-07-08
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-05-06	July 3, 2025	2025-07-11
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-09-10	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-09

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17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-05-06	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-10
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-06-09	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-07
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-06-12	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-12-02	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-29
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-06-23	Not Collected or Retained	2025-08-07
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-08-19	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-05
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-06-23	Not Collected or Retained	2025-11-18
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-01-08	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-13
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-11-01	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-20
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-06-27	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-27
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-15	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-22	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-28
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-12-01	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-29
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-04-29	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-31
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-18	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-03
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-23	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-03
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-03-26	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-09
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-14	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-10
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2026-01-15	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-24
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-08-27	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-26
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-15	Not Collected or Retained	2026-02-26
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-23	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2026-02-05	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-02
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-12-17	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-04
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-05	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-04
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-06-30	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-04
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-29	Not Collected or Retained	2025-08-21
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-07-31	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-05
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-12-16	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-06
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-08-26	Not Collected or Retained	2025-08-29
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-09-09	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-30
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-09-25	Not Collected or Retained	2025-10-21
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-03	Not Collected or Retained	2026-01-27
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-20	Not Collected or Retained	2025-12-03
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-10-27	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-30
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-11-04	Not Collected or Retained	2025-11-18
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2025-12-03	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-04
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2026-01-15	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-17
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2026-01-15	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-19
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2026-01-27	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-10
17(1); 17(2)(a)	2026-01-30	Not Collected or Retained	2026-03-19