Health PEI

Santé Î.-P.-É.

Office of the
Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 2000, Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island
Canada C1A 7N8

Bureau du
directeur général
C.P. 2000, Charlottetown
Île-du-Prince-Édouard
Canada C1A 7N8

May 25, 2026

[redacted]

Dear Kristen Schulz:

Re: ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act***
Request For: "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"
Time Frame: **April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026**
File No.: **2026-041**

Your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("the Act") was received by Health PEI on April 28, 2026. We are pleased to provide you with access to the available information in the table below.

Please note that the requested information is only available for the specific procedures on which Health PEI reports wait times to the Canadian Institute for Health Information ("CIHI"). In response to your request for case information, we are pleased to provide you with the length of wait time prior to cancelation of procedure. As the number of patients included in the counts for each procedure is very low, release of the specific dates related to individual patients could have impacts to personal privacy.

Please note that this data excludes any patients that may have died while waiting for cataract surgeries as those procedures are now performed at a clinic that is not operated by Health PEI.

Information on Patient Deaths While Waiting for a Procedure – April 1, 2025- March 31, 2026[1]			
Procedure	*Number of patients*	*Length of wait (days) prior to cancellation*[2]	*CIHI Benchmark 2026*
Palmar Fasciectomy[3]	*1*	*1191*	*N/A*[4]
Total Hip Arthroplasty Hybrid	*1*	*378*	*182 days*
Ectropion Repair	*1*	*108*	*N/A*[5]

Notes

1. The date of referral to a specialist is not collected by Health PEI.
2. Wait time is defined, for the purposes of reporting to CIHI, as the period of time between the patient accepting the first available appointment for the procedure and the booked date for the procedure (in the current context, it is the period between booking date and cancelation date).
3. This patient declined their first offered surgery date. It is unclear whether the patient declined other dates offered. Based on the scheduled procedure, this was an elective surgery with a long recovery period, so it may have been deferred for some time.
4. There is no Canadian Institute for Health Information ("CIHI") Benchmark timeframe indicated for this surgery/procedure.
5. There is no Canadian Institute for Health Information ("CIHI") Benchmark timeframe indicated for this surgery/procedure.

Under Section 60 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this response to your request. Your request for review must be delivered, in writing, to the Commissioner no later than sixty (60) days from the date of this notice (written above), via mail to 149 Kent Street, Suite 301, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7N8; or by email to infoprivacy@assembly.pe.ca.

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

1. The file number quoted at the top of this notice.
2. A copy of this letter.
3. A copy of your original request for information sent to Health PEI.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email healthprivacy@ihis.org or call (902) 569-7734.

Sincerely,



Laurae Kloschinsky
Interim Chief Executive Officer, Health PEI

Leanne Mutch, Access to Information & Privacy Consultant