



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2013-00048

May 16, 2013

Sent via email:

Dear _____ :

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

For the data years 2009-2010 to 2011-2012: 5-Day In-Hospital mortality following major surgery, 30-Day In-Hospital mortality following acute myocardial infarction, 30-Day In-Hospital mortality following stroke, 28-Day readmission after acute myocardial infarction, 28-Day readmission after stroke, 90-Day readmission after hip replacement, 90-Day readmission after knee replacement, 30-Day overall readmission, 30-Day obstetric readmission, 30-day readmission - patients age 19 and younger, 30-Day surgical readmission, 30-Day medical readmission, In-Hospital hip fracture in elderly (65+) patients, Nursing-Sensitive adverse events for medical patients, Nursing-Sensitive adverse events for surgical patients, Obstetric trauma - Vaginal delivery with instrument, Obstetric trauma - Vaginal delivery without instrument, Caesarean section rate excluding pre-term and multiple gestations, Vaginal birth after caesarean section, Use of coronary angiography following acute myocardial infarction, Hip fracture surgical procedures performed within 48 hours wait time across facilities; For the Data Years 2009 to [February 14, 2013]:

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Emergency department wait times according to length of stay in ED including the total number of ED visits per hospital and the mean, median and 90th percentile for time waiting for a physician (TPIA), time to a disposition decision (TtoD), and time waiting for an inpatient bed (TWIB) per hospital; For the Data Years 2009 to [February 14, 2013]:

The rate and number of cases of hospital-acquired MRSA, C-Difficile and VRE infections, reported by hospital including the denomination and specify how the rate has been calculated i.e. cases per 10,000 patient days, cases per 1,000 admissions, etc.

Please find enclosed a copy of the record located in response to your request. This record is provided to you in its entirety.

Staff in the Ministry has advised us that the information in the record contains current data covering the period April 1, 2012 to February 14, 2013. The Ministry does not have any data prior to this.

Additionally, staff in the Ministry has advised us of a report for the emergency department portion of this request that captures the current fiscal year showing 90th percentile wait times data for the LOS, TPIA, TtoD and TWIB by period and YTD. They do not report means or medians for this data. For example: Royal Inland Hospital – wait times for all four measures will not be accurate because any emergency visits that resulted in an inpatient admission have only been reported since January 2013. An estimated 15-20% of their ED visits for fiscal year 1012/13 are missing. For Vancouver Island Health Authority – all facilities in this health authority are not reporting accurate times for when the patient left the ED. They are defaulting to the time of disposition. This affects both the TWIB and the LOS, making wait times for both substantially shorter.

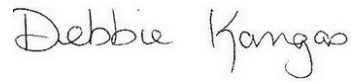
Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Elizabeth Horn, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-9863. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-9863.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Kangas".

For:
Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations
Enclosure

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.