



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2012-00116

August 22, 2012

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:

- **“Records regarding new guidelines that were developed for referrals for MRI scans, as mentioned by then Health Minister Falcon in a May 20, 2010, news story and in a memo by Les Vertesi to all health authorities dated July 7, 2010, in particular, records of the work done by the BC government on the new guidelines, including the final set of guidelines distributed to the health authorities but excluding internal correspondence from within the ministry.”**

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records have been provided to you in their entirety. Please note that some information in the records is marked ‘not responsive’ as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. The ministry has also informed that the guidelines provided in the records, although referred to in some instances as ‘*proposed guidelines*’, constitute, in fact, the final set of guidelines as you requested. Your file is now closed.

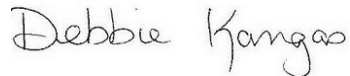
These records will be published on the BC Government’s Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website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

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Hema Paupiah, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-1805. This number can be reached toll-free by calling 604 660-7867 from Vancouver or 1 800 663-7867 from elsewhere in BC, and asking to be transferred to 250 387-1805.

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".

On behalf of:
Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health and Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p style="text-align: center;">How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>

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.