

ARCS: 292- 30 File: HTH-2012-00093

January 23, 2013

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. You narrowed your request on July 11, 2012 through conversation and/or email with Beverley Newton, your request is for:

Copies of formal correspondence (excluding emails) generated or received by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and/or the Medical Services Commission (MSC) from December 1, 2006, to May 24, 2012, in relation to extra billing at False Creek Surgical Centre. Copies of reports sent by MOH and/or MSC to Health Canada in relation to extra billing excluding patient's personal information, from December 1, 2006, to May 24, 2012, Copies of flow charts and other related documents for the period August 25,2008 to May 24, 2012 that would outline the MOH and MSC's processes for dealing with extra billing and copies of template letters/forms used by the MOH and MSC when dealing with extra billing cases for the period August 25, 2008 to may 24, 2012.

As per our telephone conversation January 22, 2013, Information Access Operations recognizes your cooperation and diligence in working with us to narrow the scope of your request. In light of the reduction in size and scope of responsive records we will **not** be pursuing collection of the outstanding amount of our original fee estimate. (\$810.00)

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Ministry of Citizens' Services and Open Government

Shared Services BC Information Access Operations Mailing Address: PO Box 9569 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9K1

Website: http://www.gov.bc.ca/citz/iao/ Telephone: 250-387-1321 Fax: 250-387-9843 Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 22 FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

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: <u>http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page</u>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Debbie Kangas the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-9805. 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) 387-9805.

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,

Debbie Kangas

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

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.