



ARCS: 292-30  
File: CFD-2019-94128

August 22, 2019

Sent via email:

**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 Children and Family Development. Your request is for:

*All records detailing the names and positions of all MCF staff and Management who participated in the response to File: 292-30/CFD-2019-93609: Records detailing how knowingly false reports against Natural Families made to Child Endangerment and/or Child Protection Officers are screened out so as to protect the reputation and well-being of the Natural Family, and the Bad Faith Reporter (BFR) followed up on under Section 14 of the CFCSA, including cases where the MCFD Director of Practice has recommended applying to the Court for a Court Ordered Psychiatric Assessment of the BFR engaged in the anti-social activity of making knowingly false reports against the Natural Family, and/or when the MCF Director has made a referral to police to report the act of making a knowingly bad faith report as an Offense. Please include records for the SDA of South Vancouver Island only. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2012 To 12/31/2018);*

*all records containing the information relied upon to arrive at the conclusion contained in the following response to File: 292-30/CFD-2019-93609 : "The Ministry has indicated that it is generally not possible to presume that a call is malicious based solely on the caller's information, a malicious report is determined at a later stage. This is done when a worker follows up in response to the report. The penalty for making a malicious report is addressed in s14 of the Child, Family and Community Service Act.";*

*all records identifying the public servant working in MCF who rendered this statement; all records detailing which "later stage" is being referred to in the response.  
(Date Range for Record Search: From 06/18/2019 To 07/10/2019*

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Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: [www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Merissa Hughes, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-7869. 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 250 356-7869.

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,



Merissa Hughes, Senior FOI Analyst  
On behalf of Jamie Onciul, Manager  
Social / Tech Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<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.