

ARCS: 292-30 File: HTH-2016-64518

January 20, 2017

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:

A breakdown of how the 10 million announced by the Premier at UBCM 2016 on September 28 is being allocated towards specific initiatives to combat overdose deaths, specifically how much is being allocated for the following announced initiatives, and what the funding will deliver in terms of each initiative (i.e. number of pieces of new equipment, additional staff, cetera): A community outreach strategy by police and health authorities, including community forums to increase awareness of fentanyl dangers; Equipment and supplies for the RCMP Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement and Response Team to support B.C.'s police with drug testing; Enhanced enforcement activities targeted at illicit fentanyl traffickers; Enhanced file investigation for overdose deaths by the B.C. Coroner's Service - Coroners Service Drug Death Investigation Team; Renovating and equipping new spaces or purchasing mobile units to expand supervised consumption services; Purchasing drug identification equipment for B.C.'s Provincial Toxicology Centre at the BC Centre for Disease Control; Enhanced surveillance work on overdoses by health authorities and the BCCDC; The BC Centre on Substance Use. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/28/2016 To 11/01/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Please note, the figures that have been provided in the summary table were preliminary allocations that were subsequently changed based on further analysis and consultation. Allocations were not finalized until after the period of the request.

These records are provided to you in their entirety. Your file is now closed.

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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Lauren Lemieux, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2672. 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 778 698-2672.

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,

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager

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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.