

ARCS: 292-30 File: HTH-2017-70785

April 5, 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:

Within the Assistant Deputy Minister Offices and higher: Correspondence and/or briefing notes regarding comas as a result of opiate use, including but not limited to, access to and cost of care, government's public policy response, effects on aboriginal communities. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2013 To 02/16/2017)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

Your file is now closed.

The Ministry of Health have included these online links that may have further information of the subject matter in your request. Please note below:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincialhealth-officer/overdose-response-progress-update-sept2016.pdf

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/overdose-response-progress-update-nov2016.pdf

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Website:

www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation Telephone: 250 387-1321 Fax: 250 387-9843 http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-

gallery/Documents/Educational%20Materials/Epid/Other/Public%20Facing%20Surveillance%20Report_J an2017.pdf

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 Marylea Reid, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2375. 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 778 698-2375.

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

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.