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File: HTH-2017-72558

December 15, 2017

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 Health. You narrowed your request on November 23, 2017 through email with Katherine Ritchie. Your request is for:

*The following records regarding the Mental Health Act: Annual case counts of involuntary and voluntary admissions, broken down by facility, geographic region, or health authority; Annual case counts of involuntary admissions, broken down by legislative admission mechanism - ie. the number of involuntary admissions pursuant to s. 22 involuntary admissions, s. 28 emergency procedures, s. 29 prisoners and youth custody centre inmates, or s. 42 transfer from another province; Data on the length of involuntary detention periods; Data on the diagnoses made of individuals involuntarily admitted; Data on the length of involuntary extended leave periods; Annual case counts of involuntary patients recalled from extended leave; Data on the number of second opinions requested by involuntary patients pursuant to s. 31(2) and any data documenting the outcome of the second opinion; Annual case counts of involuntary patients placed in restraints or seclusion, solitary confinement/quiet rooms, and the length of time restraints or seclusion were used for; Training, policy, or other documents for health care professionals who provide rights information pursuant to s. 34 of the Mental Health Act and Form 13 of the Mental Health Regulation; Training, policy, or other documents for health care professionals who are responsible for pre-hearing disclosure and presenting the state's case for detention at review panel hearings of the Mental Health Review Board constituted pursuant to the Mental Health Act. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2006 To 03/31/2017)*

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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) 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. 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 five 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 Katherine Ritchie, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778-698-2671. 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 778-698-2671.

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 dark ink that reads "Maxine Vanzetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager  
Health / Education 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.