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File: HTH-2018-87357

January 18, 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 Health. Your request is for:

Records and/or statistics about suicide, broken down to the most disaggregated level possible for all regions across BC including rate of suicide, rate of attempted suicide and include gender, age, race, region - specific town/city/municipality; Records indicating what government funded resources are being provided for communities in regards to mental health and where can community members access these resources. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2008 To 10/31/2018)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. Please note: i) The Ministry of Health has been able to provide requested data on rates of attempted suicide with the exception of race (not defined in data) and Municipality (too specific). ii) The Ministry of Health provides funding to the health authorities. The health authorities are responsible for providing health care services, such as mental health and substance use services in their regional health authority. The Ministry recommends contacting health authorities for more information on mental health resources. Your file is now closed.

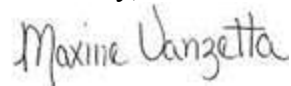
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These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Aaron Hofman, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 974-2256. 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 778 974-2256.

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.