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File: HTH-2019-93628

August 1, 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 of the wait times for all Urologic Surgeries and all Cancer Surgeries, divided by specific type of surgery, and specifically the wait times for all white light cystoscopy or non-muscle invasive bladder cancer cystoscopy surgeries at the following hospitals: Kelowna General Hospital; Abbotsford Regional Hospital; Ridge Meadows Hospital in Maple Ridge; Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster; Burnaby General Hospital; Eagle Ridge Hospital in Port Moody; Langley General Hospital; Chilliwack General Hospital; St. Paul's Hospital, in Vancouver. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 06/01/2019).

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, the Ministry does not have record level data for all endoscopies, so they are unable to calculate wait times for specific procedures such as white light cystoscopy or non-muscle invasive bladder cancer cystoscopy. Health Authorities only report endoscopy data at an aggregate level to the Ministry, and not by procedure. You may wish to contact the Health Authorities for other records. Your file is now closed.

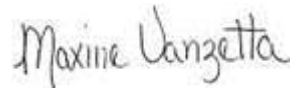
These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Melissa Boyd, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2867. 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 778 698-2867.

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.