January 13, 2016

Dear [Redacted],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: HCS/003/2016]

On January 7, 2016, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Briefing materials -- in any and all formats, including paper and electronic -- prepared for, and/or provided to, the minister related to so-called "red alerts" involving ambulance availability. Date range of request is Nov. 1, 2015 to the present."

Please be advised that our records indicate that the Department has no records responsive to your request.

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL, A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.
Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7007 or by email at angela.power@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Angela Power
ATIPP Coordinator