

January 10, 2020

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Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: HCS/161/2019]

On December 10, 2019, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records:

“A list of briefing materials prepared for the deputy minister or the minister for the month of November 2019.”

As discussed, the list excludes cabinet secretariat briefing material. I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department to provide access to the requested information as follows:

- Decision/Direction Note - Additional Paramedicine Staffing for the Green Bay Health Centre's (GBHC) Hospital Ambulance Service
- Decision/Direction Note - Bonavista Wellness Centre - Budget Increase – Eastern
- Decision Note - Waiver of Third Party Liability Account
- Decision/Direction Note - Request for sessionals to support cancer clinic at James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre (JPMRHC)
- Decision Note - HREA Legislative Review Consultation Plan - November 2019
- Decision Note - Memorial University's School of Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Research Study Request for Funding
- Information Note - Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) - Public release of the updated YourHealthSystem.ca website
- Information Note - Central Health External Review 2018 (Vaughan Report) Recommendations Update September 30 2019
- Information Note - Client Survey - Income Support Medical Transportation Assistance Program (ISMT) - Post Change in Call Service Providers
- Information Note - Consultant Engagement to Support Negotiations with the NL Medical Association
- Information Note - Eastern Health Regional Dialysis Program Plan
- Information Note - Health and Community Services' Interactions with the Teamsters Union

- Information Note - Outbreak of Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) - Update October 25, 2019
- Information Note - Physician Resource Forecast for Family Medicine - November 2019
- Information Note - Usage of Personal Mobile Devices by Employees in the Workplace
- Meeting Note - Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association
- Meeting Note - AIDS Committee of NL
- Meeting Note - The Gathering Place

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *Act*). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the 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
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the *Act*.

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 Completed Access to Information

Requests 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 709-729-7010 or by email at MichaelCook@gov.nl.ca.



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Health and Community Services

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Cook".

Michael Cook
Manager of Privacy and Information Security
/Enclosures

Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21 ;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23 ;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24 ; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26 .

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 , the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45 (2).