

**Response to Applicant – Full Disclosure
Form 4A**

December 16, 2019

Section 40(1)



Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act File #: CSSD/73/2019

On November 20, 2019, the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“I would like to request a list of all current studies being undertaken by or for the department, their time frame, their scope and their cost. This would include pilot projects, consultant studies and any other research pertaining to department programs or policy.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for Children, Seniors and Social Development to provide access to the requested information. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

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

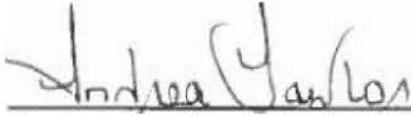
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St. John's, NL A1B 3V8

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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*.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (709) 729-6370 or by email at andrealawlor@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Lawlor", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure

Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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).

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, SENIORS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
 ATIPP REQUEST FILE NUMBER
 CSSD/73/2019

PROJECT TITLE	SCOPE & TIMEFRAME	COST
ARC NL (Aging Research Centre NL), Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador	<p>The department provides funding to ARC NL to support research programs and the Centre works to align some of their research with government priorities.</p> <p>CSSD does not assign them specific topics and researched subjects generally relate to seniors and aging.</p>	Contribution Agreement to be Finalized (2019/20)
Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research	<p>Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research will complete a snapshot report on the topic of best and promising models / practices in early intervention and prevention to enhance the well-being of vulnerable families with children for CSSD. This work will occur through the Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program (CHRSP).</p> <p>A snapshot report can take three to six months to complete.</p> <p>There are no costs to the department and it will helpful in guiding our work.</p>	No Cost
School Food Guidelines 2019-20 Pilot Project	<p>Supported by an advisory committee of School Food Guidelines (SFG) stakeholders, this small-scale pilot project is being undertaken in partnership with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD). Stakeholders include NLESD, Conseil Scolaire Francophone Provincial (CSFP), Food First NL, Kids Eat Smart, School Lunch Association and the Regional Health Authorities, in partnership with the Government of NL (CSSD and Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)).</p>	\$35,000

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	<p>Eleven schools across Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) are participating in the pilot project in the 2019-20 school year and funding has been granted to NLESD to support the participating schools.</p> <p>An evaluation of the pilot project will take place in early 2020 with the goal of finalizing the SFG in Spring 2020 and a full implementation in all schools in the 2020-21 school year.</p>	
<p>School of Human Kinetics and Recreation (HKR), Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador</p>	<p>Back in March 2018 CSSD received a research proposal from the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador (HKR) and the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women (PACSW) to explore young females' experiences in physical activity and sport.</p> <p>A grant was provided to Sport NL to support the research project, which is due to conclude this month.</p> <p>This research supports a priority area (i.e. increasing physical activity of girls and women) for the Healthy Living, Sport and Recreation Division of CSSD and therefore funding was provided. This research will help inform the department but is not being completed by or for the department.</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>
<p>School of Pharmacy Research Study, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador</p>	<p>Efficacy and Cost Effectiveness of an Intensive and Abbreviated Pharmacists-led Smoking Cessation Support Program: A Randomized Controlled Trial</p> <p>In March 2018, CSSD provided the School of Pharmacy with funding to support an eighteen-month research study that is evaluating the efficacy of the Memorial University's Medication</p>	<p>\$87,935</p>

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	<p>Therapy Services Clinic (MTS) Intensive Smoking Cessation Program (SCP) compared to an abbreviated version and usual care approaches, using a mixed-methods approach.</p> <p>Outcomes will be compared between the two programs and the usual care group (<i>quantitative</i>: number of quit attempts, abstinence rates, reductions in tobacco use, identification and uptake of various quit resources, cost and cost effectiveness analysis, and <i>qualitative</i>: self-efficacy, quality of life, and user satisfaction).</p> <p>Funding provided through the Healthy Living, Sport and Recreation Grants and Subsidies budget to support this initiative (tobacco control funding).</p>	
<p>Waypoints Supporting Foster Parents Pilot Project</p>	<p>The goals of the Waypoints Supporting Foster Parents Pilot Project is to provide support and training to foster families on the Avalon and Burin Peninsulas. The pilot has been in place since 2015 and is currently undergoing evaluation.</p>	<p>\$234,672 / year</p>