March 17, 2015

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/006/2015]

On February 13, 2015, the Department of Health and Community Services received your request for access to the following records/information:

“At Eastern Health: The average cost to the provincial government per month to have a patient in a long term care bed. The average cost to the provincial government per day to have a patient in an acute care facility. The average cost to the provincial government per month to have a patient in a personal care home. Please show the assumptions/calculations/considerations/federal sources of funding used to arrive at the final numbers.”

The Department has reviewed your request in the context of the Access Information and Protection of Privacy Act and is pleased to inform you that access to this information has been granted.

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<td>(1) Long Term Care Bed Average Cost (2013-14)</td>
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<td>(2) Acute Care Facility</td>
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<td>(3) Personal Care Home average subsidy (October 2014)</td>
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NOTE: The long term care bed average cost does not reflect the client contribution, while it is reflected in the personal care home average subsidy.

(1) Long Term Care (LTC) beds are located in both LTC facilities, where 100% of the beds are dedicated to LTC residents, and in Health Centres, where a portion of their total beds are dedicated to LTC residents.
To determine the average LTC bed cost in the Eastern Health Region the following methodology was applied:

- the 2013-14 gross expenditures for the LTC facilities was divided by the number of beds, which was then divided by 12 months to determine the average cost per bed. This same calculation was then applied to the expenditures apportioned to the LTC beds located in the Health Centres.

- these two average cost per bed figures were then weighted to be reflective of the cost of a LTC bed within the Eastern Health Region. The weighted average method calculates the average cost of a LTC bed in Eastern Health as $9,761 per month.

(2) The cost of the acute care bed at $1700 per day is an estimation based on the staffing, procedures, supplies and supports provided at the facility.

(3) The amount of funding that the Regional Health Authority (RHA) pays to a Personal Care Home (PCH) on behalf of a subsidized client, referred to as "RHA Subsidy", is based on the outcome of the subsidized resident's financial assessment. Each subsidized resident is financially assessed to determine the amount of client contribution they will pay towards the cost of residing in the PCH; this assessment takes into consideration the residents' income and allowable expenses as well as the expenses of the spouse in the community, if applicable. The difference between the client contribution assessed and the provincial monthly subsidy rate is the RHA Subsidy. As each subsidized resident will have differing client contributions, the RHA Subsidy could range from the full monthly subsidy rate to just a few dollars.

Please be advised that a copy of our response to your request will be published on the Office of the Public Engagement's website five business days after the response is mailed to you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Joy, ATIPP Coordinator, at (709)729-7010, or by email at cheryljoy@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Deputy Minister

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