

February 22, 2022

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Sent via email: shellyhipson@gmail.com

Dear Shelly Hipson:

Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2022-00104-HEA

The Department of Health and Wellness received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) on January 21, 2022.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

1. Records showing the number of people that died in long term care, in a nursing home, or were transferred from long term care or a nursing home into hospital that were marked down as a COVID-19 death and they were also at the end of life as per the attached document - Northwood Presser Notes.

2. As per the attached, "Medical Director reviewing all deaths" and the MOH to determine "true cause of death."

Any record, report, correspondence, investigation results that determines the "true cause of death" of those who died at Northwood and any other facility where they were instructed to mark the person down as a COVID 19 death even though they were at the end of life.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2019 To 01/19/2022)

After a file search, we have located no records responsive to your application. Therefore, it is my understanding, pursuant to clause 7(2)(b) of the Act, that the Department of Health and Wellness does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority is also processing this FOIPOP request and will be providing a response under separate cover.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter and the attached response to your FOIPOP application will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at <https://openinformation.novascotia.ca/>. The letter will not include your name, address, or any other personal information that you have supplied while making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Melinda Frelick at 902-424-6920 or by e-mail at melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Craig Beaton
Associate Deputy Minister