

December 29, 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2021-02159-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 November 23, 2021.

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

*Amended December 12, 2021:*

*Broken down by month; the number of completed suicides (up to 2019) and attempted suicides events, between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2021)*

- a. *Birth and 11 years of age;*
- b. *Between 12 and 19 years of age;*
- c. *Between 20 and 29 years of age;*
- d. *Between 30 and 39 years of age;*
- e. *Between 40 and 49 years of age;*
- f. *Between 50 and 59 years of age;*
- g. *Between 60 and 69 years of age;*
- h. *Between 70 and 79 years of age;*
- i. *Between 80 and 89 years of age; and*
- j. *Between 90 years and up.*

*Please also provided yearly totals per age category and monthly totals (not broken down by age category)*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2017 To 11/30/2021)*

Responsive records have been located and are attached.

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](mailto:melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca), if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Trott".

Kathleen Trott  
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment

## Completed suicide

Data Source: Vital Statistic updated to 2019

| Year | Month     | Completed Suicides |
|------|-----------|--------------------|
| 2018 | January   | 10                 |
|      | February  | 12                 |
|      | March     | 9                  |
|      | April     | 11                 |
|      | May       | 16                 |
|      | June      | 7                  |
|      | July      | 7                  |
|      | August    | 15                 |
|      | September | 6                  |
|      | October   | 6                  |
|      | November  | 8                  |
|      | December  | 13                 |
| 2019 | January   | 12                 |
|      | February  | 9                  |
|      | March     | 11                 |
|      | April     | 10                 |
|      | May       | 8                  |
|      | June      | 12                 |
|      | July      | 11                 |
|      | August    | 11                 |
|      | September | < 5                |
|      | October   | 10                 |
|      | November  | 10                 |
|      | December  | 11                 |

\*Data has been masked to reduce risk of reidentification

**Completed suicide***Data Source: Vital Statistic updated to 2019*

| Year | Age Group   | Completed Suicides |
|------|-------------|--------------------|
| 2018 | 0 to 19     | 5                  |
|      | 20 to 29    | 19                 |
|      | 30 to 39    | 13                 |
|      | 40 to 49    | 21                 |
|      | 50 to 59    | 28                 |
|      | 60 to 69    | 17                 |
|      | 70 and over | 17                 |
| 2019 | 0 to 19     | 6                  |
|      | 20 to 29    | 23                 |
|      | 30 to 39    | 14                 |
|      | 40 to 49    | 15                 |
|      | 50 to 59    | 26                 |
|      | 60 to 69    | 23                 |
|      | 70 and over | 11                 |

**Attempted suicide**

Data sources: DAD, NACRS and Medavie physician billings. Please note that calendar year 2021 records are not completed for all the database.

Some emergency centers do not report to NACRS, so emergency records are partial. Records are complete and reviewed by CIHI through March 31, 2021.

Records from April through August 2021 are a combination of DAD, NACRS, and Billing data.

Data is only presented through August 31, 2021 as billings can be submitted up to 90 days after seeing the patient. August is the last complete month

| Year | Month     | 0 to 19 | 20 to 29 | 30 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 | 60 to 69 | 70 and over |
|------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 2018 | January   | 20      | 13       | 16       | 28       | 29       | 18       | 9           |
|      | February  | 13      | 12       | 14       | 19       | 24       | 18       | 6           |
|      | March     | 29      | 13       | 16       | 20       | 23       | 16       | 11          |
|      | April     | 28      | 14       | 22       | 22       | 19       | 23       | 14          |
|      | May       | 21      | 15       | 25       | 12       | 33       | 13       | 13          |
|      | June      | 13      | 25       | 16       | 14       | 24       | 11       | 16          |
|      | July      | 19      | 21       | 23       | 21       | 23       | 17       | 12          |
|      | August    | 19      | 17       | 15       | 20       | 29       | 12       | 9           |
|      | September | 16      | 11       | 15       | 22       | 23       | 16       | 10          |
|      | October   | 26      | 12       | 21       | 15       | 35       | 13       | 18          |
|      | November  | 20      | 20       | 17       | 21       | 33       | 25       | 10          |
|      | December  | 39      | 9        | 17       | 17       | 23       | 15       | 19          |
| 2019 | January   | 17      | 21       | 21       | 15       | 28       | 24       | 14          |
|      | February  | 29      | 8        | 14       | 23       | 29       | 23       | 13          |
|      | March     | 29      | 26       | 20       | 27       | 34       | 20       | 7           |
|      | April     | 30      | 8        | 14       | 20       | 25       | 19       | 15          |
|      | May       | 25      | 14       | 15       | 17       | 30       | 19       | 21          |
|      | June      | 21      | 12       | 12       | 24       | 33       | 17       | 13          |
|      | July      | 22      | 15       | 15       | 23       | 29       | 17       | 23          |
|      | August    | 11      | 15       | 15       | 22       | 28       | 13       | 10          |
|      | September | 23      | 17       | 19       | 31       | 35       | 21       | 31          |
|      | October   | 29      | 25       | 19       | 23       | 44       | 19       | 16          |
|      | November  | 32      | 16       | 12       | 26       | 36       | 17       | 10          |
|      | December  | 26      | 17       | 16       | 15       | 23       | 18       | 17          |
| 2020 | January   | 25      | 15       | 11       | 34       | 29       | 19       | 9           |
|      | February  | 17      | 19       | 14       | 12       | 25       | 17       | 20          |
|      | March     | 18      | 17       | 12       | 17       | 25       | 21       | 11          |
|      | April     | 11      | 8        | 14       | 14       | 18       | 14       | 11          |
|      | May       | 22      | 10       | 8        | 12       | 23       | 11       | 11          |
|      | June      | 18      | 13       | 17       | 19       | 28       | 22       | 12          |
|      | July      | 28      | 24       | 18       | 29       | 31       | 14       | 12          |
|      | August    | 20      | 9        | 16       | 26       | 27       | 26       | 19          |
|      | September | 22      | 18       | 25       | 29       | 30       | 13       | 21          |
|      | October   | 27      | 23       | 13       | 29       | 33       | 27       | 16          |
|      | November  | 25      | 10       | 24       | 20       | 34       | 13       | 12          |
|      | December  | 17      | 17       | 22       | 25       | 29       | 20       | 14          |
| 2021 | January   | 33      | 17       | 20       | 31       | 26       | 23       | 13          |
|      | February  | 31      | 12       | 14       | 22       | 25       | 22       | 14          |
|      | March     | 25      | 11       | 21       | 28       | 35       | 24       | 14          |
|      | April     | 49      | 13       | 15       | 24       | 29       | 25       | 16          |
|      | May       | 42      | 22       | 19       | 26       | 18       | 10       | 12          |
|      | June      | 38      | 15       | 25       | 25       | 35       | 30       | 17          |
|      | July      | 29      | 19       | 19       | 25       | 30       | 21       | 19          |
|      | August    | 18      | 14       | 12       | 24       | 12       | 26       | 20          |