



Health and Social Services
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Applicant c/o
Access and Privacy Officer
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 24-224

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched the records of Family and Children's Services, Integrated Health Services, Community Nursing, Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services, Social Supports and Insured Health Services, and has identified records responsive to Access Request 24-224 noted below:

This is a request for program information.

Seeking a month by month report of vacancy rates for Yukon government social workers. Require the total number of positions over time, separated by Whitehorse versus communities, number of staffed positions versus number of vacancies, and the percentage vacancy rate for Whitehorse, communities and combined. Breakdown by branch: Family and Children Services, Community Nursing, Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services, and any other branches that have social workers. Also require the same information for admin support for programs that have social workers. Staff on leave should be noted separately. I don't want a person on leave being counted as filling a position, or as a vacancy. I want them classified separately.

Timeframe: January 1, 2020 - July 4, 2024.

With clarification:

Given I'm seeking at month-to-month reporting, the leave can be aggregated for all employees, on a month-to month basis. I'm not after individual absences, I'm after the total staffing support. Given that the average work days per month is 21, if 6 people had a combined leave of 500 hours in a month – by my math that would equal

66.7 work days or the equivalent of just over 3 FTE leave absences (at 7.5 hours per day) for that month.

Decision

The Head of the Department of Health and Social Services has approved the following response to this request:

Access Granted in Full

Please note: The Department of Health and Social Services does not have the capability to create vacancy or leave reports with its current systems. The program areas have provided the information they have available to fulfill this request. The information requested may be held by the Public Service Commission.

Pursuant to section 66 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.

Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3
E-mail: intake@yukonombudsman.ca
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

There is no cost to the applicant.

Contact Person in Department

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Kane Sprangers, Designated Access Officer for Department of Health and Social Services at 867-332-7168 or Kane.Sprangers@yukon.ca.

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