



Health and Social Services PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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

## SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 21-506

## Decision

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched the Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services and has identified records responsive to Access Request 21-506. The final response on the information is as follows:

## Access Granted in Part

The Department of Health and Social Services has granted access in part to the information relating to the request noted below:

Subject: Safe Supply: CASA Commitment - related to overdose crisis Seeking any internal or external communications (sent and received), meetings, reports, information notes, memoranda, analysis, and email correspondence related to safe supply with content related to access to safe supply and safe supply in communities. Specifically, how many people have accessed safe supply? How many communities have access to safe supply and how is access to safe supply being communicated, tracked and evaluated? Additionally, seeking communication from BC Centre for Substance Use, Yukon pharmacists, Yukon Medical Council, RCMP, information on who the addictions medicine specialist from BC is - which was mentioned in the press release, and correspondence with First Nations governments and governing structures (CYFN, Yukon Forum). Keywords and phrases: Safe supply, safe supply in communities, overdose deaths, opioid treatment.

Timeframe: April 28, 2021 - December 1, 2021

Please note, doctors throughout the territory provide these medications to individuals for a variety of reasons, some of which are for the use of addiction management or safe supply. We do not have access to this detailed patient information.

Certain types of information have been redacted pursuant to the following sections of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

- 67(3)(a) a Cabinet record
- 67(3)(b) information contained in a record other than a Cabinet record with information that would reveal the substance of Cabinet deliberations
- 70(1) disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy
- 74(1)(a) contains advice or recommendations prepared by or for a public body or a minister
- 75(1)(a)(ii) commercial, financial, scientific or technical information of the Government of Yukon

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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: <u>intake@yukonombudsman.ca</u> Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

There is no charge to the applicant.

## **Contact Person in Department**

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Natashia Stuckey, Designated Access Officer for Department of Health and Social Services at 867-332-3826, or natashia.stuckey@yukon.ca.

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Stephen Samis Deputy Minister, Health and Social Services

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