



Dear 

**DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by Canberra Health Services (CHS) on **Tuesday 16 August 2022** and rescoped on **Tuesday 30 August 2022**.

This application requested access to:

*'Data held by the ACT Equipment Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act.  
This request relates to data regarding continence products funded by the ACT Equipment Scheme.  
I would like to request de-identified summary level data for continence products funded by this Scheme over the last 3 years as shown below:*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total pool of funds spent by the scheme</i>	<i>Total spent on continence products</i>	<i>Total spent on Intermittent catheters</i>	<i>Total spent on uncoated catheters (i.e. patient has to lubricate the catheter)</i>	<i>Total spent on coated catheters with gel or lubricant (i.e. instantly ready to use catheter)</i>
<b>2019-2020</b>					
<b>2020-2021</b>					
<b>2021-2022</b>					

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total number of individuals funded by the scheme</i>	<i>Total number of individuals using continence products</i>	<i>Total number of individuals using Intermittent catheters</i>	<i>Total number of individuals using uncoated catheters</i>	<i>Total number of individuals using coated catheters with gel or lubricant</i>
<b>2019-2020</b>					
<b>2020-2021</b>					
<b>2021-2022</b>					

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Canberra Health Services (CHS) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. CHS was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Tuesday 27 September 2022**.

The information within the scope of your access application has been extracted into one document included at Attachment A. This has been created for the purpose of your request and captures information held by CHS.

CHS does not hold data relevant to the specification of identifying if the catheters are coated or uncoated. Therefore, CHS is unable to provide data for columns four and five in the tables of your access application in accordance with Section 35(1)(b).

### **Decisions on Access**

I have decided to grant full access to one document.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act
- The contents of the documents that fall within the scope of your request
- The views of relevant third parties and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

### **Charges**

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

### **Disclosure Log**

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, CHS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

### **Ombudsman review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au)  
Website: [ombudsman.act.gov.au](http://ombudsman.act.gov.au)

### **ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review**

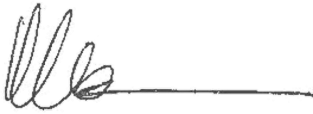
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740  
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

**Further assistance**

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email [HealthFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:HealthFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jo Morris', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jo Morris  
**Executive Director**  
Rehabilitation, Aged and Community Services  
Canberra Health Services

16 September 2022

**Data for continence products funded by ACT Equipment Scheme over the last 3 years**

Year	Total pool of funds spent by the scheme	Total spent on continence products Pads & pants	Total spent on Intermittent catheters Catheters/ Urisheaths / statlocks / valves	Total spent on uncoated catheters (i.e., patient has to lubricate the catheter)	Total spent on coated catheters with gel or lubricant (i.e., instantly ready to use catheter)
<b>2019-2020</b>	66,200	55,845	10,355	No data held by CHS	No data held by CHS
<b>2020-2021</b>	56,239	47,888	8,351	No data held by CHS	No data held by CHS
<b>2021-2022</b>	65,304	46,628	18,676	No data held by CHS	No data held by CHS

Year	Total number of individuals funded by the scheme	Total number of individuals using continence products	Total number of individuals using Intermittent catheters	Total number of individuals using uncoated catheters	Total number of individuals using coated catheters with gel or lubricant
<b>2019-2020</b>	81	65	16	No data held by CHS	No data held by CHS
<b>2020-2021</b>	65	51	14	No data held by CHS	No data held by CHS
<b>2021-2022</b>	63	46	17	No data held by CHS	No data held by CHS