



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 the Canberra Health Services (CHS) on **Friday 22 July 2022**.

This application requested access to:

'A digital copy of the ACT/legislation's that the Hume health team run under, as well as all of the policies and procedures that the JHS runs under'

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 **Friday 19 August 2022**.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons. 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; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Decisions on access

I have decided to refuse to deal with the application in accordance with;

Section 43(1)(d) A respondent may refuse to deal with an access application wholly or in part only if the government information is already available to the applicant

All pieces of legislation that are applicable to the JHS teams at the AMC are publicly accessible via the [ACT Legislation Register](#).

Relevant Canberra Health Services Policies and procedures and specific JHS procedures that are applicable to the provision of health care by JHS at the AMC are publicly accessible via the CHS Policy Register - [Policies and guidelines - Canberra Health Services \(act.gov.au\)](#)

This decision is in accordance with Section 45 of the FOI as the information is made available by the ACT as part of a public register and is available free of charge. I am satisfied that ACTHD does not hold any further information relevant to the scope of your request.

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 Your personal contact details will not be published.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
Website: ombudsman.act.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

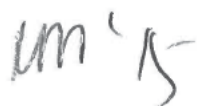
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

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.

Yours sincerely



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