

Ref FOI18-11



Dear

I refer to your application received by ACT Health on 26 March 2018 in which you sought access to information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act).

In your application you have requested access to documents outlining the number of pregnancy terminations conducted at Canberra Hospital involving a foetus with a gestation period of 20 or more weeks in the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

ACT Health is required to provide a decision on your access application by 26 April 2018.

Decision on access

I can inform you that the answer to your question is that 25 terminations were conducted at the Canberra Hospital, involving a foetus with a gestation period of 20 or more weeks, from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

<u>Charges</u>

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because as less than 50 pages of documentation is being provided.

Online publishing - disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, ACT Health maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application and my decision will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after date of decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the ACT Health disclosure log at http://www.health.act.gov.au/public-information/consumers/freedom-information/disclosure-log.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the 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 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: ombudsman@ombudsman.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/

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on 6205 1340 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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