

Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) following an Ombudsman review outcome and your confirmation of scope on **Friday 24 September 2021**.

This application requested access to:

*'The name of the community representative, and the selection method used in engaging the representative on committees chaired by Health Senior Executives.
If a committee has 3 or more community representatives, then it will be sufficient to provide the name of the committee and the number of community representatives.'*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Monday 15 November 2021**.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as Attachment A to this letter.

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*.

Decisions on Access

You submitted an application for Ombudsman review of my original decision for which the Directorate received the Ombudsman's final decision on **Tuesday 21 September 2021**. To comply with the Ombudsman's decision, I have included at Attachment A to this letter, the relevant document as decided by the ACT Ombudsman.

I have decided to grant full access to the document that has been created to hold the relevant information within the scope of your access application.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and document 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 Your personal contact details will not be published.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



John Fletcher

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ACT Health Directorate

November 2021

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Division	Name of Committee/Meeting	Name of Chair (Executive Director or above)	Name of Community Representative	Selection method used in engaging the consumer rep
Minister for Health	Culture Reform Oversight Group (CROG)	Rachael Stephen-Smith, Minister for Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, AMA ACT • Executive Officer, Health Care Consumers Association (ACT) 	Ministerial appointment
Office of Director-General	ACT Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board	Rebecca Cross, Director-General, ACT Health Directorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Officer, Capital Health Network. • Executive Director, Health Care Consumers' Association 	The Board may invite other attendees at the Chair's discretion. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, a suitably senior delegate may be nominated to attend.
	Canberra Hospital Master Plan Steering Committee	Rebecca Cross, Director-General, ACT Health Directorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darlene Cox, Executive Director, Health Care Consumers Association 	Members were appointed by the Director-General, ACT Health Directorate.
Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing (OMHW)	Peak Mental Health Non-Government Organisations Committee (Peaks/NGO Committee)	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Community Representatives 	Executive appointment
Health Systems, Policy and Research Group (HSPR)	ACT Health Non-Government Organisation Leadership Group	Co-Chair Meg Brighton, Deputy Director-General, Health Systems, Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Community Representatives 	Decision by Co-chairs/members Membership of the group is reviewed regularly
Preventative and Population Health Division (PPH)	ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan Advisory Group (DSAPAG)	Co-Chair Alan Philp, Executive Group Manager, Preventive and Population Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Community Representatives 	Membership is invited from key stakeholder organisations and groups.

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				This is not a statutory committee but is established through Ministerial decision.
	Opioid Treatment Advisory Committee (OTAC)	Alan Philp, Executive Group Manager, Preventive and Population Health	• 6 Community Representatives	<p>Membership is invited from key stakeholder organisations and groups.</p> <p>This is not a statutory committee as a result there is no formal appointments mechanism</p>
	ACT Advisory Council on Gene Technology	Dr Kerry Coleman, Chief Health Officer, Public Health, Protection and Regulation Division	• Dr Thomas McGoram	Ministerial appointment (Minister for Health)
	Drug Treatment Working Group	Alan Philp, Executive Group Manager, Preventive and Population Health	• 6 Community Representatives	<p>Membership is invited from key stakeholder organisations and groups.</p> <p>This is not a statutory committee as a result there is no</p>

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				formal appointments mechanism
Policy, Partnership and Programs Division (PPP)	Multicultural Health Reference Group	Michael Culhane, Executive Group Manager, Policy, Partnership and Programs	• 9 Community Representatives	Executive appointment. Other organisations may be invited by the Chair to participate as required. Membership will be reviewed annually.
	Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm Advisory Board	Co-Chair Michael Culhane, Executive Group Manager, Policy, Partnership and Programs	• 7 Community Representatives	Executive appointment
Public Health, Protection and Regulation Division (PHPR)	Sexually Transmissible Infections and Blood Borne Viruses Health Advisory Committee	Dr Kerryn Coleman, Chief Health Officer, Public Health, Protection and Regulation Division	• 9 Community Representatives	Members are appointed by Executive appointment or automatically appointed as the most senior representative of key member organisations
Office of Professional Leadership and Education (OPLE)	Nurses and Midwives: Towards a Safer Culture Steering Committee	Anthony Dombkins, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Office of Professional Leadership and Education	• Consumer representative – Health Care Consumers' Association	Executive Appointment

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	Mental Health Act 2015 Implementation, Evaluation, and Monitoring Committee	Dr Dinesh Arya, Chief Psychiatrist, Office of Professional Leadership and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mental health consumer representative • A mental health carer representative 	The appointment of the chair was made internally.
Digital Solution Division (DSD)	Digital Committee	Co-Chair Peter O'Halloran, Chief Information Officer, Digital Solutions Division and Jacinta George, Executive Group Manager, Health System Planning and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One nominee from the Health Care Consumers' Association 	DG approved