

Our reference: CHSFOI21-22.20



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 22 February 2022**.

This application requested access to:

'Is Stromectol being used, has been used, or will be used as a treatment for COVID-19 in ACT Hospitals?'

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 **Wednesday 23 March 2022**.

## **Decisions**

I have decided to release the requested information in full. CHS does not use Ivermectin (Stromectol) for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 and it is not part of the COVID-19 management protocol. CHS does not hold any further information relevant to the scope of your application.

### 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 Your personal contact details will not be published.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/

J. M. Taylor

# 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 <a href="mailto:HealthFOI@act.gov.au">HealthFOI@act.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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