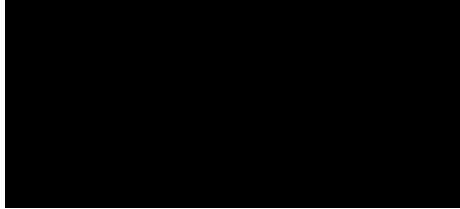


Our reference: **FOI20/52**



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### **DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION**

I refer to your rescoped application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act) received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on Wednesday 11 November 2020.

This application requested access to:

*“Please provide the following figures for the last 5 financial years (if this is not possible please provide figures for the last 4 financial years; if this is not possible please provide figures for the last 3 financial years; if this is not possible please provide figures for the last 2 financial years; if this is not possible please provide figures for the last financial year. If you are not able to provide financial years, please provide calendar years):*

- *The total number of GP referrals RECEIVED by Calvary Hospital.*
- *The total number of GP referrals REJECTED by Calvary Hospital.*
- *The total number of GP referrals for Orthopaedics RECEIVED by Calvary Hospital.*
- *The total number of GP referrals for Orthopaedics REJECTED by Calvary Hospital.*

*Specialist referral data only is fine (i.e. not pathology or imaging) and by referrals being rejected, I mean GP referrals that are sent to Canberra Hospital or University of Canberra Hospital, but not progressed or do not eventuate in a specialist appointment (for example, a referral is assessed and sent back to a GP for primary health management of injury/illness).”*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of 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 **Wednesday 9 December 2020**.

#### **Decisions**

A thorough search of ACTHD records was conducted and did not return any documents relating to Calvary referrals either received or rejected. I am satisfied that appropriate searches were completed and in accordance with section 35(1)(b), ACTHD do not hold any documents 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, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application and my decision 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**

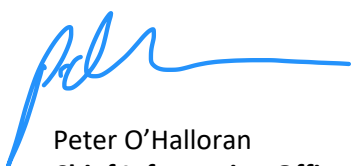
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

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



Peter O'Halloran  
**Chief Information Officer**  
Digital Solutions Division

20 November 2020