

March 2, 2023

Shelly Hipson
Sent via email: shellyhipson@gmail.com

Dear Shelly Hipson:

Re: You are entitled to part of the information you requested – 2022-02124-HEA

The Department of Health and Wellness received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) on December 22, 2022.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

Copies of ALL records such as correspondence (emails, and letters), reports and documents, briefings sent to/given to/ reported to/received by Dr. Robert Strang from doctors, pharmacies, medical officers, hospital administration, long term care and nursing home administration and anyone else who was responsible for rolling out the vaccines in this province - on the topic of COVID-19 vaccine adverse events/side-effects and deaths that have occurred since it was rolled out in our province. This would include correspondence and reports on adverse events and deaths that are temporally associated with vaccine that have not been clearly attributed to other causes that Dr. Robert Strang, Shelley Deeks, and the Minister have had in their possession. (Date Range for Record Search: amended to June 7, 2021 to September 7, 2021)

You are entitled to part of the records requested. However, we have removed some of the information from this record according to subsection 5(2) of the Act. The severed information is exempt from disclosure under the Act for the following reason:

- Section 20: unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.
20(1): The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

The remainder of the records are enclosed.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter and the attached response to your FOIPOP application will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at <https://openinformation.novascotia.ca/>. The letter will not include your name,

address, or any other personal information that you have supplied while making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Melinda Frelick at 902-424-6920 or by e-mail at melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Trott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Kathleen Trott
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment