



Our ref: F23/0136

Mr Philip [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

NOTICE OF DECISION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) cited below and for which a deposit of access charges was received on 29 March 2023:

“An age stratified statistical breakdown of all presentations to, and admissions to, hospitals operated by the (Victorian) Department of Health for cardiac related symptoms specifically cardiac arrhythmia, chest pain, pain across the left side of the body and swelling of the legs, ankles and/or feet and cardiac conditions, as a primary reason for presentation or a factor experienced separate to the main reason(s) for admission for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 23 January 2023.”

Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)

The Act establishes a general right of access to documents held by the department. To protect essential public interests and the private and business affairs of individuals, the right of access does not apply to a document identified in the Act as exempt.

If a document contains exempt material the Act allows for an edited copy to be released after the exempt matter has been deleted and where it is practicable to do so.

Documents

On the basis of your request, pursuant to section 19 of the Act, the Victorian Agency for Health Information (VAHI) produced the requested data in the form of an 11-page report, using both the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD) and Victorian Admitted Episode Dataset (VAED). The data is broken down by age group, per month for the period specified. Explanatory notes have been included in the document.

Further information on data collections is available at the following link:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/data-collections>

Decision

I assessed the data in accordance with the Act and have decided to grant access in full to the data.

Charges

Please note, remaining access charges have been waived in this instance. Please find released documents enclosed.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Ghobrial**

A/Manager, Freedom of Information

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