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Room 167, 450 Broadway  
 Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File Number 180-18].

On July 16, 2018 Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) received your request for access to the following records:

*The rate of the following health indices for the most recent year available for the three postal codes which start with R2J, R2L and R2H  
 Please give information on the three postal codes combined and for comparison purposes, for all of Winnipeg and for all of Manitoba.*

1. *Rate of children with at least one antipsychotic prescription (age and sex adjusted rates per 1,000 children aged 0-19)*
2. *Rate of children with at least one antipsychotic prescription corrected for income quintile*
3. *Infant mortality rate*
4. *Infant mortality rate corrected for income quintile*
5. *Rate of children with at least one psychostimulant prescription (age and sex adjusted rates per 1,000 children aged 5-19)*
6. *Rate of children with at least one psychostimulant prescription corrected for income quintile*
7. *Asthma prevalence in children (age and sex adjusted percent of children aged 5 to 19 diagnosed with asthma)*
8. *Autism spectrum disorder prevalence (age and sex adjusted percent of children aged 5 to 19 diagnosed with autism).*

Access is granted in part to your request. The table below outlines the requested information for items #1, 3, 5 and 7 above:

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Antipsychotic Prescription age/sex Adjusted Rate per 1,000 (age 0-19, 2017/2018)	R2J, R2L and R2H	201	15.1
	Winnipeg RHA	1,399	12.9
	Manitoba	3,500	10.2
Infant Mortality Crude Rate per 1,000 (age <1, 2016/2017)	R2J, R2L and R2H	5	7.2
	Winnipeg RHA	26	3.2
	Manitoba	75	4.5

Psychostimulant Prescription age/sex Adjusted Rate per 1,000 (age 5-19, 2017/2018)	R2J, R2L and R2H	580	41.0
	Winnipeg RHA	6,598	31.5
	Manitoba	10,653	41.7
Asthma age/sex adjusted percent Prevalence (age 5-19, 2016/2017)	R2J, R2L and R2H	1,740	13.1
	Winnipeg RHA	24,025	18.1
	Manitoba	39,367	15.6

Please note that:

- Antipsychotic prescriptions defined by any drug with an anatomical therapeutic chemical (ATC) code of N05AB02, N05AD01, N05AH01, N05AB03, N05AG02, N05AB06, N05AA01, N05AC02, N05AH02, N05AX12, N05AE05, N05AX17, N05AH04 N05AX08.
- Psychostimulant prescriptions defined by any drug with an anatomical therapeutic chemical (ATC) code of N06BA01, N06BA02, N06BA12, N06BA04, N06BA07, N06BA05
- Infant mortality is calculated based on those registered with MHSAL.
- Asthma rates are based on the National Chronic Disease Surveillance System definition and represents lifetime prevalence.

Information on the following (items #2, 4, 6 and 8 above) is not available from MHSAL:

- Rates of antipsychotic prescriptions, infant mortality and psychostimulant prescriptions corrected for income quintile. MHSAL only holds estimated income information at the area level, not for individual Manitobans or for individual households. As a result, the rates above cannot be 'corrected' for income as requested.
- Autism spectrum disorder prevalence. In order to measure the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder in Manitoba children accurately, information is required not only from MHSAL administrative data (i.e. physician billings and hospital abstracts) but also from Manitoba Education's 'special needs' funding files, which are not available from MHSAL. Estimating autism spectrum disorder prevalence using only MSHAL data sources would result in a dramatic underestimate of the true rates.

Based on the information provided in the above two bullets specific to items 2, 4, 6 and 8 of your request, access is refused under paragraph 12(1)(c)(i) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act as the requested information does not exist at MHSAL.

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman  
750 - 500 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1  
982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Department's Access and Privacy Coordinator, Michelle Huhtala at (204) 786-7237.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dan Skwarchuk in black ink.

Dan Skwarchuk  
Access & Privacy Officer

c: M. Huhtala