



## Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner

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Stuart Whitley, Deputy Minister  
Health and Social Services  
Government of Yukon H-1

Dear Mr. Whitley:

**Re: BC/Yukon Public Health Information Project (BCYPHIP)**

I recently had an opportunity to meet with members of your department, members of the BC Ministry of Health, as well as staff from the BCYPHIP. In February I was in Victoria, where I attended presentations to the BC and Yukon Privacy Commissioners by the BC Ministry of Health and the BCYPHIP staff. The presentations were very informative and we hope the beginning of an ongoing and cooperative relationship. Plans are under way for another meeting this spring.

These recent meetings raised a number of important issues which will require ongoing attention and cooperation. One recurring issue I would like to discuss with you is the absence of a privacy and access oversight body for many health care providers in the Yukon Territory.

I know the Yukon Government is currently considering a review of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPP Act) and within that context, the issue of personal health care information and how it should be dealt with.

I would like to meet with you to discuss the ATIPP Act review and the need for legislation to address privacy and access concerns surrounding personal health care records. I hope this discussion is of interest to you. I have asked Alice Purser of my office to arrange a convenient time for us to get together.

I look forward to seeing you.

Yours very truly,

Tracy-Anne McPhee  
Information and Privacy Commissioner

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