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Information and
Privacy Commissioner
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à la protection de la vie privée
C.P. 2000, Charlottetown PE
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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

May 21, 2021

Gyorgy Kiss
64 Route 13, Crapaud
PEI C0A 1J0

Dear Gyorgy Kiss,

Re: Notice of privacy breach under the *Health Information Act*
Our file reference: BRH-21-031
Health PEI file: 2021-36

Health PEI recently discovered that someone had posted your personal health information online. The person who posted the information claims that the information came from a nurse providing direct care to you.

Health PEI notified our office and gave us your mailing address. Health PEI is taking this matter very seriously and is currently investigating. The Commissioner opened a file in relation to this matter, and assigned the matter to me.

When we have more information from Health PEI, we expect to provide a written summary to you. We will give you an opportunity to give us more information and will welcome any additional comments you wish to make.

I enclose a brief description of our procedure in matters of an allegation of a breach of privacy. We hope to contact you again in the summer, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (902) 368-4630, or by email at mariamacdonald@assembly.pe.ca.

Sincerely,

Maria MacDonald
Adjudicator

C: Manager, Health Privacy and Information Access, Health PEI

Enclosures: Breach Notification (2 pages), and
Process upon notification of a breach (1 page).



PEI Office of the Information
and Privacy Commissioner

**Breach Notification Form
to the Information and Privacy Commissioner**
pursuant to Section 36 of the
Health Information Act, 1988, R.S.P.E.I. Cap H-1.41

Please complete and provide the signed document to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at InfoPrivacy@assembly.pe.ca, or by fax to (902) 368-5947, or deliver it to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner at 180 Richmond Street, or by mail to P.O. Box 2000 Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7N8.

Treat the information you collect about a breach as highly confidential. Do not further the breach by disclosing the information more broadly than required.

A. Name of custodian and contact information (phone and mailing address):

Health PEI, Contact person: Jeanne MacDougall (Manager, Health Privacy and Information Access); 902.368.4942; jnmacdougall@gov.pe.ca

B. Date and time of breach:

April 17, 2021

C. Date breach discovered:

April 19, 2021

D. Breach reported by (Please identify the individual by title only):

Multiple members of the public.

E. Details of breach:

Health PEI has been made aware of a post on social media by a local blogger, disclosing what is alleged to be personal health information about a patient currently hospitalized due to Covid-19. The blogger claims that a nurse providing direct care to the patient was the source of the information.

F. Personal health information involved in breach including,

a) Type (eg. medical record, benefit entitlement info, prescription info); and

Medical record, specifically details of health conditions and current status of the patient.

b) Form (eg. electronic storage, hard copy, storage device)

Information was allegedly obtained by the nurse in the provision of care. Form of disclosure not indicated in posting.

G. Details of notification to individual(s) to whom personal health information relates, including method and date of notification (please identify, under separate cover, affected individuals and their contact information):

Disclosure to affected individual have not yet occurred.

H. Additional comments:

Health PEI file number is 2021-36. An investigation is in progress.

Please note that a copy of this Breach Notification Form shall be sent to any person who, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is affected by the breach including the individuals to whom the personal health information relates. The Commissioner may sever any information that the Commissioner considers appropriate beforehand.

Signature of Custodian or Agent:

Denise Lewis Fleming

Date:

April 20/2021

PEI OIPC PROCEDURES ON REVIEWING A BREACH NOTIFICATION:

Section 36(1)(c) of PEI's *Health Information Act* requires a custodian to notify the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) if there is a breach of personal health information (PHI); if PHI is lost, stolen, disposed of, or disclosed to or accessed by an unauthorized person.

