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Applicant c/o
Jeffrey Sunstrum, Access and Privacy Officer
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

Final Response ATIPP Access Request 21-063

Decision

The Department of Justice searched Whitehorse Correctional Centre and created a record responsive to Access Request #21-063. Our final response on the responsive information is as follows:

Access Granted in Full

The Department of Justice has provided access in full to the information relating to the request noted below:

***I am requesting memorandums, briefing notes, information notes, statistics and powerpoint decks tracking the number of temporary absences, parole and all releases from your correctional institutions related to COVID-19 pandemic prevention and management broken down by race and gender.
Timeframe: 01 October 2020 - 20 December 2020***

There will be no charge for this request.


Right to Complain

You have the right to make a complaint in respect of this response to the Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner under Section 66 of the ATIPP Act, no later than 30 business days after you receive this response. To make a complaint, contact:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner
3162 3rd Ave.
Whitehorse, YK Y1A 1G3
E-mail: intake@yukonombudsman.ca
Phone: (867) 667-8468; toll free (in Yukon) 1-800-661-0408 (ext. 8468)

Contact Person in Department

If there are any questions, please contact Scott Tyrner, Access and Privacy Analyst for the Department of Justice at (867) 667-9477 or jus.atipp@yukon.ca

Reviewed by:	Signature: 
John Phelps, Deputy Minister, Justice	

During the date range provided, we had 3 TA releases, specifically 1 First Nation female and 2 Caucasian males. We are unable to comment on court or other releases (including parole) being connected to COVID-19 as there is no supporting documentation for this at WCC. While COVID-19 may have been a factor that came up in the various releases, it was never the primary reason for those releases or in granting a TA. WCC has continued to take an individualized proactive approach to TA's for inmates serving intermittent and custodial terms. In each case, an individual's plan, the safety of themselves, any victims and the community were taken into consideration when a decision was made whether to grant or deny a TA.