Health PEI

Privacy and Access Odds & Ends:
"Is Health PEI permitted to provide information about our patients/clients/residents to Elections PEI or Elections Canada?"

➢ The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *Health Information Act* both permit us to disclose an individual's information without consent where it is required to comply with or authorized by another provincial or federal law.

➢ Elections PEI and Elections Canada have authority under their respective laws to **maintain a register of electors** that includes each person's:
  ➢ Residential address
  ➢ Mailing address
  ➢ Legal name
  ➢ Contact information
  ➢ Date of birth (month, day and year)

➢ According to the applicable legislation Health PEI is required to provide this information.

Important Note: The *Provincial Health Number Act* does not permit collection of personal health numbers (PHNs) for any non-health related purpose. *The Elections Act* does not prevail over the *Provincial Health Number Act* – PHNs should not be provided for this purpose.

Important Things to Consider:

➢ Health PEI should only disclose the minimum amount of information required to meet the purpose for the collection.

➢ This request for information must be made to a Health PEI staff person who can authorize the disclosure (i.e. the Administrator of a facility).

➢ The information must be transmitted through secure means. Emailing information outside of the Government email system (email addresses that do not end with @gov.pe.ca or @ihis.org) is not secure.

➢ If information is provided directly, appropriate ID and/or credentials should be confirmed before releasing the information.

➢ Use professional judgment and if you feel you need more information about the request, including what information is necessary for this purpose, reach out to the requestor for clarification.

➢ If you are still concerned or unsure after reviewing the request and speaking to the requestor, talk with your supervisor or reach out to the ATIP team at healthprivacy@ihis.org