



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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Adjudicator confirms Psychologist met duty to assist

An Adjudicator with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has determined that a Psychologist met her duty to assist an individual who had requested her personal information under the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA).

The Psychologist provided the Applicant with her treatment file, but refused to provide peer consultation notes, as well as the Psychologist's response to a complaint to the College of Psychologists the Applicant had made against her, and related correspondence

In her decision, Adjudicator Christina Gauk found that it was proper for the Psychologist to withhold all the requested records. The peer consultation notes had to be withheld because they contained the personal information of the Applicant's child. Gauk also held other records were properly withheld because they were solicitor-client communications. Disclosure of the remaining information would reveal personal information of the Psychologist, and for some of it, also of the child.

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