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Information and Privacy Commissioner initiates investigation into cyber security breach of the MOVEit file transfer service

HALIFAX – Information and Privacy Commissioner Tricia Ralph has launched an investigation into the cyber security breach of the MOVEit file transfer service, announced by the Nova Scotia Government on June 4, 2023. The MOVEit file transfer service is used by multiple public bodies and health custodians, including provincial government departments, Nova Scotia Health and IWK Health.

The purpose of the investigation is to review the adequacy of the Nova Scotia Government's, Nova Scotia Health's and IWK Health's security and information practices as well as their responses to the cyber security breach under the provisions of the *Privacy Review Officer Act*, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Act*.

Prior to the launch of this own motion investigation, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner received 110 privacy complaints from individuals who were notified that they were affected by the MOVEit cyber security breach. Those complaints will inform and be addressed in this comprehensive investigation.

When the investigation is complete, a public report will be published online at <https://oipc.novascotia.ca>.

As this is an active investigation, no additional details are available at this time.

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The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner provides independent oversight of Nova Scotia's access to information and privacy laws including the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Government Act (Part XX)*, the *Privacy Review Officer Act* and the *Personal Health Information Act*.

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