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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### Legislative Assembly of PEI

Question number: 13	Question date: December 20, 2017
Question asked by: Sidney MacEwen, Member for Morell-Mermaid	
Question asked of Department of Health and Wellness	
Question answered by Minister, Hon. Robert Mitchell	Date answer received by Clerk's Office: JUL 20 2018

**QUESTION:** Please table a copy of the current or most recent pharmacy services agreement, signed by the province in July 2012.

**ANSWER:**

Section 14 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988 Cap. F-15.01 limits the ability of a public body to disclose information which may affect the business interests of a third party. The *Act* further provides the mechanism by which consultation with the affected third party would be conducted.

A formal request should be submitted pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



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Question asked by: Sidney MacEwen, Member for Morell-Mermaid	
Question asked of Department of Health and Wellness	
Question answered by Minister, Hon. Robert Mitchell	Date answer received by Clerk's Office: JUL 20 2018 <small>Office Use Only</small>

**QUESTION:** Please table a copy of the current or most recent operating agreement between the province and the PEI Nursing Home Operators Association.

**ANSWER:**

The province does not have an operating agreement with the PEI Nursing Home Operators Association; rather there are common service agreements with each private nursing home.

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Question asked by: Jamie Fox, Member for Borden-Kinkora	
Question asked of ( <i>department</i> ): Health & Wellness	
Question answered by ( <i>Minister</i> ): Hon. Robert Mitchell	Date answer received by Clerk's Office: JUL 20 2018 <small>Office Use Only</small>

**QUESTION:** Are the computer systems maintained by Health PEI and located at hospitals throughout the Province compatible with computer systems located at doctor offices so that information updated at either the hospital and or the doctor's office is interfunctionable?

**ANSWER:**

There is no integration between hospital computer systems, in particular the clinical information system (CIS), and physician office computers. The personal health information that is captured in the hospital setting is able to be accessed by physicians in the community, either directly (on government network computer in HPEI health centres) or via VPN (virtual private network). In the reverse, most physician offices collect and maintain patient personal health information in paper format, so there would be no ability to view that information from a hospital setting. If physicians do use electronic systems within their office practice, there currently is no capability for any information collected there to be electronically shared or accessed by the hospital information systems.



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Question asked by: Jamie Fox, MLA for Borden-Kinkora	
Question asked of ( <i>department</i> ): Health & Wellness	
Question answered by ( <i>Minister</i> ): Hon. Rob Mitchell	Date received by Clerk's Office: JUL 20 2018 <small>Office Use Only</small>

**QUESTION:** Given that Island EMS is responsible to provide ambulance services to the Province and further that in some cases or calls for emergency services that are passed to fire departments due to the unavailability of the ambulance service, are Island EMS required to replace first aid or medical supplies used by the fire department since the primary responsibility is with Island EMS?

**ANSWER:** Providing services on behalf of the Provincial Government, Island EMS is the only authorized operator of ambulance services in Prince Edward Island. Local fire departments that are approved Medical First Responder (MFR) Partnering Agencies do collaborate with Island EMS on the delivery of services in many areas of the province.

PEI's community based MFR Program is coordinated by the P.E.I. Firefighters Association and every participating fire department would have voluntarily applied (to the P.E.I. Firefighters Association) for approval to operate as an MFR Partnering Agency.

Each MFR Partnering Agency is ultimately responsible for training and equipment costs in order to safely carry out MFR activities; however, Health PEI recognizes the importance of ensuring that MFR Partnering Agencies have timely access to the replacement of consumable emergency medical equipment and soft supplies to deliver the level of community service defined by the MFR Partnering Agency. As such, MFR Partnering Agencies that are registered and approved by the P.E.I. Firefighters Association may request the replacement of consumable emergency medical equipment and soft supplies by Island EMS.

Additionally, Health PEI provides financial assistance to support continued MFR training and development opportunities in Prince Edward Island. In 2017/18, Health PEI funded over \$24,000 in MFR training.

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Question asked by: Sidney MacEwen, Member for Morell-Mermaid	
Question asked of ( <i>department</i> ): Health and Wellness	
Question answered by ( <i>Minister</i> ): Hon. Robert Mitchell	Date answer received by Clerk's Office: JUL 20 2018 <small>Only</small>

**QUESTION:** What direct actions are the health recruitment and retention division of the Department of Health and Wellness taking as a result of the Standing Committee on Health and Wellness meeting February 27, 2018?

#### ANSWER:

As the Standing Committee was made aware, the Recruitment and Retention Secretariat is a division of the Department of Health and Wellness. The Secretariat provides health human resource planning and undertakes recruitment and retention efforts to meet the current and future needs for physicians, nurses, and allied health professions. The Secretariat's work is mainly with hard-to-recruit health professions. The Secretariat recruits to positions within Health PEI. Health PEI is responsible for the operation and delivery of publicly funded health services in Prince Edward Island.

The Secretariat has been focusing on some core pieces of work since the February 27, 2018 meeting, including, but not limited to:

- Implementation of the PEI Physiotherapy Sponsorship Program which will sponsor students in exchange for a three year return-in-service employment commitment. The sponsored students will receive \$20,000 (plus funding to complete the Physiotherapy Competency Exams) and be placed at Western Hospital, Community Hospital O'Leary, or Souris Hospital.
- Confirmation that the first Family Medicine Sponsorship student will be starting work in Souris in June 2018.
- Two separate visits to Newfoundland – (1) Memorial University of Newfoundland to meet with Medical students from PEI interested in job opportunities and (2) attended the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Rural and Remote Medicine conference as an exhibitor promoting rural physician positions in PEI.
- Participation in the Michener Institute of Applied Health Sciences in Toronto in March 2017. The Michener Institute Career Fair is an ideal job fair for employers looking to recruit candidates within Applied Health Sciences programs. The Recruitment &

Retention team profiled employment opportunities available in PEI; met with top talent studying applied health sciences; promoted PEI as a viable career and lifestyle opportunity; established contacts with current students, new graduates, and alumni; gained exposure and put PEI "on the map."

- Attendance at the Outside Quebec Career Fair in late February allowed connections to be established with various medical residents and physicians seeking locum opportunities in a wide variety of areas.
- Facilitation and coordination of seven (7) new Nurse Practitioner permanent job postings as well as support and connection.
- Recruitment efforts continue to focus on the need for qualified psychiatrists. Four (4) new psychiatrists have recently started working on PEI.
- Participation in the Rural Family Medicine Conference in Newfoundland in April 2018 as an exhibitor to attract rural family physicians to the province.
- Ongoing locum program recruitment efforts and financial support provided in all areas of the Island.
- Continued rapport and relationship building with various stakeholders and partners including professional associations and societies.
- Attendance at the Holland College Licensed Practical Nursing Advisory Committee meeting to provide insight into current and future demands for LPNs in the system.
- Ongoing support provided to spouses of physicians and hard-to-recruit health professionals in an effort to facilitate relocation to Prince Edward Island.
- Additional efforts in Physician recruitment include a presentation to UPEI Pre Med Society on choosing medicine as a career in April, as well as extensive efforts to bring stability to the West Prince Health physician complement.

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Question asked of ( <i>department</i> ): Health and Wellness	
Question answered by ( <i>Minister</i> ): Hon. Robert Mitchell	Date answer received by Clerk's Office: JUL 20 2018

**QUESTION:** What is the role of the senior Director of Hospital Operations and why is the role omitted from the Health PEI organization charts?

### ANSWER:

The Senior Director of Operations of the QEH is currently a temporary position, located at the QEH that reports to the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) of Emergency Health Services, Long Term Care and Hospital Services East. The Senior Director of Operations of the QEH position is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the QEH which include the areas of Hospital Services, Hospital Support Services and Nursing.

Various changes were made to the management structure of Health PEI in the spring of 2016, at which time the CAO of Hospitals East, also assumed responsibility for provincial long-term care, provincial emergency health services, as well as joining the executive leadership team at Health PEI. The demands of this expanded role were requiring the CAO to spend more time than anticipated away from the QEH site. As an interim measure, in March 2017, the Senior Director of Operations role was temporarily put in place to assume the daily operational responsibility of the QEH site for the CAO. The position is currently filled by an employee on a temporary assignment.

This position is included in the Emergency Health Services, Long-Term Care and Hospital Services East organizational chart (March 14, 2018 chart is attached as a reference).

# Health PEI - Emergency Health Services, Long-Term Care, and Hospital Services East

March 14, 2018 Update

