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To residents receiving services at the Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital,

Labrador-Grenfell Health would like to reassure the public regarding concerns about changes at the Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital in St. Anthony.

There are no plans to close or convert acute care beds to long-term care beds. There is no plan for men and women to share rooms on the Maternity Ward. While we continually strive to create efficiencies within our system, there are no layoffs planned at the hospital.

Furthermore, the \$2.3 million announced in May 2018 by the Honourable John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services and the Honourable Christopher Mitchelmore, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation and MHA for St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows for health care on the Great Northern Peninsula has not been reallocated elsewhere.

In keeping with Government's efforts to improve primary health care across the province, Labrador-Grenfell Health has been working with the Department of Health and Community Services to identify opportunities to enhance primary health care in the region. As part of this work, Labrador-Grenfell Health will engage with community members, patients, and frontline health care providers in St. Anthony and the surrounding area. This work will focus on collaboratively identifying opportunities to improve primary health care services, better manage chronic disease, and meet the needs of local residents.

Labrador-Grenfell Health has been already working with the Town of St. Anthony and the Office of Public Engagement to plan a health forum where community members can participate in solution-focused discussions regarding health care concerns.

Any significant change to how our facilities operate or provide services would be done through discussion and consultation with physicians, staff, and the public and in conjunction with the Department of Health and Community Services.

As part of our mandate, Labrador-Grenfell Health continually assesses how to best provide safe, quality care that meets the needs of our residents, particularly the aging population. We look forward to working with the community and our stakeholders to meet the health care needs of the population.

Sincerely,

Heather Brown
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