

## Volunteer Advisory Committee Member: Nova Scotia Health Authority Interdisciplinary Quality Improvement & Safety Council

## Our health care system learns from your experience. Help us shape the future.

Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) has made a commitment to involve citizens in establishing priorities and making decisions that matter to them and impact their lives, our community and the sustainability of our health care system.

Nova Scotia Health Authority is committed to providing excellent care for the patients and families of our community. We are looking for Patient and Family Advisors to provide input as active members on our NSHA Interdisciplinary Quality Improvement & Safety Council.

We are seeking three community-minded individuals to bring a patient and/or family/caregiver point of view and voice. No special knowledge or skills are needed. The ideal person is someone who can use their experience as a patient or family member/caregiver to help shape the care we provide.

## Those selected will have the following qualifications:

- Personal or family/caregiver experience with any NSHA healthcare service in any of the following areas:
  - o Cape Breton, Antigonish, or Guysborough areas
  - o Colchester, Cumberland, or Pictou County areas
  - South West, South Shore, or Annapolis Valley areas
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Can look at issues from more than one point of view.
- Can share honest points of view in a respectful way.
- Be reflective of diverse populations and perspectives in our community.
- Interested in making a positive contribution to health care services.
- Previous volunteer experience is an asset.

## **Additional requirements:**

- Sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Have or be willing to obtain a Criminal Background Check.
- Declare any potential conflicts of interest.
- Be able to commit to attend at least six (6) meetings annually. Meetings are typically held during daytime hours in hospital sites throughout NSHA.
- Be able to commit to a term of two (2) years.

Please note: These are volunteer positions. Current NSHA employees, Foundation members, Community Health Board members and elected officials are not eligible to apply. If this opportunity is of interest, please send a letter and/ or resume telling us why you are interested and why you believe you should be selected to join the NSHA Interdisciplinary Quality Improvement & Safety Council. Applications can be emailed to Mike Wheatley, at <a href="michael.wheatley@nshealth.ca">michael.wheatley@nshealth.ca</a>, or apply by phone by calling Mike Wheatley at 902-742-3542 ext.1472.

NSHA is committed to being a workforce that is free of discrimination, values diversity and is representative, at all job levels, of the people we serve. Our priority groups are Aboriginal People, African Nova Scotians, Persons with Disabilities and Recent Immigrants. Members of these groups are welcome to apply and self-identify if they wish to be considered under our Employment Equity policy.