

Priority Areas: Improve Access to Primary Health Care

Action	Status
Enhance and/or establish 21 collaborative family practice teams	<p>Primary Health Care is currently working to enhance and/or establish collaborative family practice teams across NS by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing urgent access priorities in 9 communities (9/9 in progress) • Strengthen existing family practice teams in 7 communities (4/7 in progress) • Work with groups of family physicians and others to build new teams in communities (7/7 in progress)
Recruit 50 new family physicians targeted to areas in need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Affairs is actively recruiting for family physicians regionally, nationally and internationally. • At the start of January 2018, there were 35 new family practitioners who have established practice in Nova Scotia, with another 16 accepted offers starting later in the year, and into 2018/2019 fiscal year. • Medical Affairs completed work with NATIONAL Public Relations firm. An updated recruitment marketing branding and collateral entitled “More than Medicine” has been developed and rolled out nationally and internationally. • Medical Affairs has been working with the DHW, Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine, and the College of Physician and Surgeons to establish a “practice-ready assessment” program for international medical graduates in family medicine for Nova Scotia.
Design and implement a provincial process (i.e., Need a Family Practice registry) to help patients find family practices that are accepting new patients and to identify the numbers of individuals who are seeking a primary care provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Need a Family Practice (NFP) registry is on track. • Sustainable resources (e.g., dedicated staffing and operations) to support the ongoing operations of the Need a Family Practice registry is being explored.

Indicator Results

Indicator	Target	YTD Q1 17-18	YTD Q2 17-18	YTD Q3 17-18	YTD Q4 17-18
Number of enhanced or new collaborative practice teams established	21 new and/or enhanced teams	0 In progress	14 in progress	20 in progress	
Number of new family physicians recruited	50 family physicians		23 Starts 5 Accepted	35 Starts 16 Accepted	
Status on development of the provincial Need a Family Practice registry	Implementation on track	Yes	Yes	Yes	

	Favorable Performance - Target Achieved
	Monitor Performance
	Unfavorable - Area requires additional focus