

Interim President and CEO Janet Davidson reflects on her first week at Nova Scotia Health Authority



I arrived in Nova Scotia a few days ahead of Hurricane Dorian and was truly impressed by the organization's planning, preparation and response. It was great to see employees, physicians and volunteers come together to maintain care and services and to work with each other and our partners to manage and respond to issues created by the storm. I want to thank the entire team here at NSHA and our system partners for your efforts.

I spent most of my first week as interim President and CEO of NSHA learning about the organization, meeting members of the leadership team and gaining a greater understanding of the issues and opportunities facing the province's health system.

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VP Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer pursuing new opportunity with The Shaw Group



We regret to announce the resignation of Allan Horsburgh, VP Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer effective October 23, 2019.

Allan has been a valuable and well respected member of NSHA's Executive team since the creation of the organization in 2015. He has played a key role in building a strong provincial corporate services portfolio and has been a passionate advocate for his teams. We want to acknowledge Allan's efforts and thank him for his

unconditional commitment, passion and dedication in helping shape this organization and the health system for Nova Scotians. Allan will be working with Executive and his team to ensure a smooth transition during the search for his replacement.

Please join us in wishing Allan the best of success in his new role as Chief Financial Officer at The Shaw Group.

Going home: Hip and knee action plan helping patients return to comfort of home sooner



“Can I go home the day of my surgery?”

That was the question Sandra Tufts posed to her surgeon, Dr. David O’Brien, when she made the decision to go ahead with joint replacement surgery last summer.

A month later, the Timberlea resident became Dartmouth General Hospital’s first patient to have a same-day total knee replacement.

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Finding a primary care provider - Sept. snapshot

Finding a Primary Care Provider in Nova Scotia - September 2019 Snapshot

110,379

Nova Scotians

have found a family practice since
November 2016

Approximately

6,300 people

found a family doctor or nurse practitioner
each month in the past 12 months

52,430

Nova Scotians

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry,
as of September 1, 2019

This represents

5.7% of the population



Monthly activity

As reported in August 2019

5,746 people

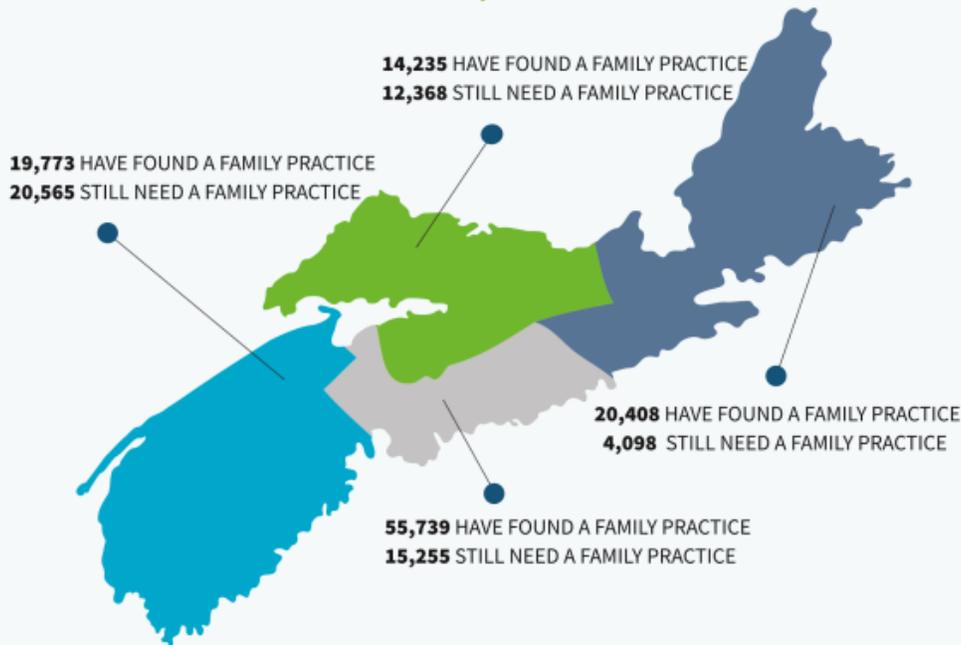
found a family practice

In August 2019

3,426 people

added their names to the registry

Total number of Nova Scotians by area



* 224 people who found a family practice, unknown community
* 144 people who still need a family practice, unknown community



NSHA is committed to improving access to primary health care by building and strengthening family practice teams and recruiting family doctors. We report on our efforts monthly. As of September 1, there were 52,430 on the Need a Family Practice Registry. This represents 5.7 per cent of the population .

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Recruitment focus of province's health committee

Dr. Nicole Boutilier, NSHA's Vice-President of Medicine joined colleagues from NSHA and Department of Health and Wellness this month at the province's Health Committee to talk about physician recruitment.

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Giving back: radiation technologist, sonographer volunteers to teach staff at Tanzanian hospital



Phoebe Mandry returned to Halifax recently after four weeks of volunteering in Tanzania with [RadAid International](#), which “brings radiology to low-resource areas by delivering education, equipment, infrastructure, and support.”

Mandry, who works as a radiation technologist and sonographer in the QEII Health Science Centre’s diagnostic imaging department, was in the east African country to teach ultrasound and bone density testing to sonographers, technologists and residents at the Aga Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

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Beyond Nutrition: Students learn more than meal preparation at Brown Bag Lunch Program



When Kirsten Willigar started the Brown Bag Lunch Program at Parrsboro Regional Elementary School, she didn’t realize that the impact of the program would go beyond nutrition.

Willigar is the active living coordinator for the Municipality of Cumberland, which has been

offering the Brown Bag Lunch Program for free to registered participants from Grades Primary through Grade 6 since 2014 and is part of NSHA's Wellness Fund program.

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Her Last Project premieres at 2019 FIN Atlantic International Film Festival



Her Last Project, a film that chronicles a remarkable woman's end-of-life journey, premiered this month as part of the FIN Atlantic International Film Festival's documentary program. This extraordinary documentary follows Dr. Shelly Sarwal's story of taking control of her destiny and leaving a lasting legacy.

Diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy, an incurable disease, Dr. Sarwal chose to end her life through medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and to become an organ and tissue donor. As the first person in Nova Scotia to undergo the complicated medical journey of donation after MAiD, it was Dr. Sarwal's wish to share her experience as a way to educate the public and the medical community.

Her Last Project is directed by Emmy-nominated Rosvita Dransfeld and produced by Canadian Blood Services, in partnership with Legacy of Life at NSHA.

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Our people in profile

All across NSHA, employees, physicians, learners and volunteers perform many different roles and work in many different departments but share a common focus: supporting and delivering high - quality care and service to Nova Scotians. We're shining a light on that work through the Our People in Profile Series. We encourage you



meet some of the people who work, learn and volunteer at NSHA by visiting our website regularly or following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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