

News Release

Family Practice Clinic opens in Iqaluit

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 15, 2006) – The Minister of Health and Social Services, Leona Aglukkaq, today formally opened the Family Practice Clinic, a new primary health care service for Iqaluit residents.

"The Family Practice Clinic is a new way for Iqaluit residents to access basic, everyday health services," said Aglukkaq. "It makes it easier for people to play an active role in their own health care by providing the appropriate level of care in a timely way."

The Family Practice Clinic now has a nurse practitioner and family physician on staff, working in collaboration to deliver programs to the community as well as to individual clients. The clinic complements the services at the Baffin Regional Hospital and Iqaluit Public Health.

Funding for the approximately \$1 million project comes from the federal Primary Health Care Transition Fund. The project took just over a year to develop and implement.

"The new clinic is part of the Government of Nunavut's overall effort to promote wellness, so that we can achieve our goal of healthy communities," Aglukkaq said. "Primary health care, together with public health, is where we will focus our health care efforts in the coming years."

The health care team will track a client's needs and provide the right service at the right time by the right provider. In addition to seeing patients by appointment, the new clinic already offers regular clinics in sexual health and a smoking cessation program.

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