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Accreditation Wraps-Up Site Visit to Northwood

HALIFAX, N.S. / February 27, 2018 – Surveyors from Accreditation Canada have been onsite at Northwood this week to assess us against standards of health care excellence, wrapping up this morning. Accreditation Canada provides certificates of accreditation to health care providers across Canada and worldwide.

“Completing accreditation every four years is crucial to improving the quality of our care and services,” says Janet Simm, President & CEO of Northwood. “It gives us an opportunity to review our policies and practices and receive feedback from our peers about where we can improve, because we can always do better.”

An Accreditation Canada certificate shows that an organization cares about client safety and providing quality service. The process of accreditation helps identify where an organization is doing well and where there is room for improvement. It is one of the most effective ways for an organization to review their procedures and practices in order to improve their quality of care.

“We participate in accreditation because quality and safety is important to us and to our clients and their families,” says Kathryn Graves, Quality Specialist at Northwood. “Quality and safety are embedded in everything we do at Northwood and Accreditation gives us a chance to highlight those accomplishments and learn ways we can do better.”

We expect to receive our final report and recommendations from Accreditation Canada by mid-March.

Accreditation Canada is a not-for-profit, independent organization providing national and international health care organizations with a program to evaluate their performance against standards of excellence. These standards examine all aspects of health care – from patient safety and ethics to staff training and partnering with the community.

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About Northwood

Since 1962, we have led the way as Nova Scotia’s most dynamic continuing care organization committed to innovation and change. We are the largest not-for-profit continuing care organization in Atlantic Canada and are recognized both here at home and across Canada as an

extraordinary example of the power of social justice, but we like to call it the power of love!
When life changes, and society changes, Northwood leads the way, incorporating revolutionary
designed, responsive care. From new ideas to new technologies, we are empowered to do this,
because our focus is on people, not on profit margins.

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