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RE: NORTHWOOD HOMECARE LIMITED

Dartmouth: Northwood Homecare has preparations underway to provide as much support to their clients as possible in the event of a work stoppage with the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union (NSGEU), Local 34, on Friday, February 28, 2014.

“We have advised our clients and their families about the possible disruption in service,” says Sandra Bauld, Senior Director for Northwood Homecare. “As part of our normal practice at the time service is initiated, we require our clients to develop a backup plan in case of an emergency or service disruption. We have advised them to activate these plans if necessary.”

Northwood is also working with the Department of Health and Wellness and the Capital District to identify critical care needs and to look at options that may be available to individual clients.

“We are working to resolve the situation as soon as possible and will keep clients informed if the situation changes.” says Bauld. “While we recognize and support our staff’s desire for better terms, we also appreciate the limitations that exist within the health care sector and have an obligation to ensure clients receive the support they need when they need it.”

NSGEU represents Northwood’s 450 Home Support Workers who provide home support services to over 1,790 clients in the Regional Municipality of Halifax, West Hants, Hantsport and Windsor. Home Support Workers provide support to families and individuals in their own home and provide personal care services, meal preparation, light housekeeping, palliative care and respite.

Northwood Homecare Limited is a separate division of Northwood, a not-for-profit, community-based organization. Residents receiving long term care within our nursing homes are not affected.

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