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International Collaboration Brings New Brunswick Nursing Homes to the Forefront of Innovation in Workplace Health and Safety Management

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FREDERICTON (NB) – The New Brunswick Continuing Care Safety Association (NBCCSA), in collaboration with the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes (NBANH), is launching an electronic safety program for New Brunswick’s nursing homes, the first of its kind in Canada. The program was developed through a collaborative effort between NBCCSA and the Netherlands’ Patient Safety Company, providing an integrated system for the reporting and management of incidents in nursing homes. It was built from a base program developed in the Netherlands, a nation noted for innovation in long-term care. Its launch comes at an opportune moment for the sector, closely following the launch of the Violence Prevention Toolkit. Both initiatives aim to create a safer workplace for nursing homes’ staff, and a safer home for their residents.

NBCCSA’s director will be welcoming a representative of the Patient Safety Company to New Brunswick from the Netherlands today, to undertake the official launch. “I am thrilled to have their support as we travel through the province this week, linking nursing homes to this incredible program”, Denise Paradis, executive director of NBCCSA, affirms. Starting this afternoon, the roll-out of the program will begin, and it is expected to have been implemented across the province by February.

“The New Brunswick Nurses Union (NBNU) welcomes the addition of an electronic safety program as another important step in the continuing efforts to improve worker and resident safety,” said Marilyn Quinn, NBNU President. “Understanding health and safety trends is key to prevention. When incidents go unreported, it is difficult to put measures in place to prevent future occurrences.”

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