



The Wholistic Health of Keewatin Yatthé Health Region Residents

Statement

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PATIENT-FIRST CARE PRIORITY REMAINS FOCUS

The Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority board of directors and senior management team are relieved that no staff members or patients were physically harmed during events Friday September 30 in La Loche.

As a health region, our first priority is providing care to our customers.

We are extremely proud of and grateful to all Keewatin Yatthé employees on duty Friday morning for their courage and continued commitment to this priority.

Under difficult conditions, in the field and at the health centre, with their own safety threatened, staff continued to put patients first.

But this isn't new ...

Our health care professionals provide compassionate care each and every day of the year.

While health centre doors were locked for security reasons during a short period early Friday morning, care continued to be provided.

Damage from the incident was quickly repaired.

The La Loche Health Centre remains open for business, with staff ready and willing to provide care to the community.

The events of Friday morning were frightening and unsettling for everyone involved – staff, patients and community members.

Help has been and continues to be available to staff members understandably shaken by these events.

The health region will work with all partners to ensure that patient-first health care continues to be a priority – and is provided as safely and effectively as possible – to the community of La Loche and throughout the Keewatin Yatthé Health Region.

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