

July 11, 2018

Ms. Karen McGrath, CEO  
Horizon Health Network  
Woodbridge Centre  
180 Woodbridge Street  
Fredericton, NB E3B 4R3

Dear Ms. McGrath:

*Karen,*

Improving healthcare has been a priority for our government and we have backed up this commitment through both significant investment in healthcare infrastructure, medical personnel recruitment and enhanced program delivery.

It has come to our attention that rumours persist in several rural communities that there will be significant cuts to rural hospital services and the possibility of hospital closures.

Both the Minister of Health and myself have made it abundantly clear on the floor of the Legislature and through media interviews that as long as we are the Government of New Brunswick, there will be no hospital closures, nor will there be significant cuts in rural hospital services.

We know that the Horizon Board recognizes these rumours to be unfounded and our government hopes that by working together we can reassure the public that hospitals in both urban and rural communities will continue to provide New Brunswickers the healthcare they expect and deserve in a timely fashion.

Let me thank you in advance for the commitment of the Horizon Health Network and its Board of Directors to work with all stakeholders in a spirit of cooperation to achieve our common objective: providing high-quality health services to the people of New Brunswick throughout the province, including in rural communities with the help of strong and vibrant rural hospitals.

Sincerely,



Brian Gallant

cc: Mr. Benoit Bourque, Minister of the Department of Health  
Mr. Tom Maston, Deputy Minister of the Department of Health  
Board of Directors of Horizon Health

