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Support for Supervised Injection Services (SIS) in Toronto

Dear Toronto Board of Health,

I am writing on behalf of Flemingdon Health Centre in support of the proposed implementation of Supervised Injection Services (SIS) in Toronto. SIS are an evidence-based service that has been proven to create better health outcomes for people that are using injection drugs. Research has shown that SIS limit the spread of diseases like HIV and Hepatitis C by reducing unsafe injection practices. SIS firmly aligns with Flemingdon Health Centre's vision of providing fair and unbiased access to the resources our communities require to experience good health and wellbeing. FHC applauds the Board of Health for moving forward with this important initiative.

FHC works closely and frequently with the fellow CHC's selected to provide SIS – South Riverdale Community Health Centre and Queen West Central Toronto Community Health Centre. We are confident that as CHC's with sound experience in harm reduction including needle distribution programming these two organizations will successfully implement SIS.

As a member of the Association of Ontario Health Centers, and a sister CHC to South Riverdale and Queen West Central Toronto Community Health Centers, we acknowledge the supportive role and responsibility that Flemingdon Health Centre will play in this initiative and are able and willing to play that role. We believe that the Community Health Centre sector, with its deep community roots and ability to serve those most in need, is best placed to coordinate the delivery of these services.

We strongly support the Board of Health and City of Toronto to implement Supervised Injection Services and look forward to working together on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jen Quinlan".

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