

Paramedicine

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+ Initiatives introduced to reduce response times and improve working conditions for paramedics:

- Three new ambulances and crews in Eastern Health, which will mean an additional 24.9 permanent, full-time paramedics working in Eastern Health.
- Increased the number of Primary Care Paramedic seats by 12.
- Working with the Regional Health Authorities, NAPE and other partners to tailor more dedicated mental health supports to meet the unique needs of frontline paramedics and other frontline responders.

+ \$1.1 million contract signed to place e-Patient Care Records in all 179 provincially-funded ambulances.

+ Office of the Provincial Medical Director brought into the Department of Health and Community Services. The Office has introduced several improvements in paramedicine oversight and regulation in recent years, including:

- Adoption of the national standard Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators exam for all provincially-trained paramedics.
- Increased scope of practice for Primary Care Paramedics and Advanced Care Paramedics.
- Developed and implemented the Paramedics Providing Palliative Care Program.
- Introduced Long-term Care community paramedicine initiatives.
- Developed a province-wide Emergency Medical Services approach to COVID-19 and clinical practice guidelines and education.

+ Signed a service agreement with private and community ambulance operators which contributes \$2.00/hour towards wage parity between regional health authorities and rural Primary Care Paramedics, funds the placement of five Advanced Care Paramedics and funds community paramedicine initiatives.

- Implemented an improved five-code ambulance service response system.
- Expanded Palliative Care and Long-term Care Home Response programs.

- Supported the addition of two non-emergency transport vehicles.
- Supported the establishment of an Off Load Delay Room at the Health Sciences Centre.
- Provided an estimated \$2.8 million to the College of the North Atlantic to support Advanced Care Paramedic training and program seat expansion.
- Supported the use of Advanced Care Paramedics and advised the Regional Health Authorities to increase hiring of Advanced Care Paramedics by 50 per cent in the ambulance service over a 10-year period.
- Supported mental health training for first responders.
- Introduced the new **Emergency Health and Paramedicine Service Act**.

+ Added eight new FTE Paramedic positions in Central Health.

+ Purchased state-of-the art AED monitors for ambulances.

+ Added ambulance resources, including:

- St. John's Metro
- Conception Bay South
- Green Bay
- Ferryland