

Isolation Model Option for Shelter Population

Please see information below from Sharon Kuropatwa, Director, WRHA Housing, Supports and Service Integration:

As you are aware, significant work has been done with the shelter sector and health partners to create isolation spaces for people without homes who have been tested and need to isolate, or who are unwell and need to isolate.

Effective Friday, April 10th, this option will be available to referrals in advance of the long weekend.

Main Street Project (MSP), Manitoba Housing (MBH) and WRHA have come together to ensure that these isolation spaces are available for this vulnerable population. As such, please note the following:

- The Sergeant space (*not sharing the full address*) will be available effective 8:30 AM, Friday, April 10th for a 3-month period
- MBH is providing the building and will continue to manage the property
- MSP and WRHA have partnered to ensure the facility has the supports and supplies in place for this model
- The operating model is low/no barrier and harm reduction resources will be available
- There are 39 private units in the building – furnishings, meals and laundry in place
- The priority population for this site are *people without homes who are from the shelter sector and/or stuck in health care environments inappropriately*
- This site will not be appropriate for those with high medical needs – daytime nursing is in place for monitoring and support staff are limited
- Individuals who are in wheelchairs (non-power) or mobility devices will be able to access these units – people with electric wheelchairs, are bed bound, bariatric, or dependent on assistance for ambulation, transfer or feeding would not be appropriate
- Access is through a single referral line. The telephone number is **204-306-7857**. **Calls can start at 8:30 AM, Friday, April 10th**

- A transport option will be in place shortly – sites sending people to Sergeant might need an alternate interim plan until transport is in place