



Nova Scotia Health + Community Services Safety Association

Statement from AWARE-NS on Restoration of Operational Funding

Over the past several weeks, the AWARE-NS team, our sector partners, and frontline workers across Nova Scotia's health and community services system have experienced a period of significant uncertainty.

We are pleased with the Government of Nova Scotia's decision to restore operational funding for AWARE-NS, allowing safety and injury prevention programming to continue for frontline workers in Long-Term Care, Home Care, and Disability Support Programs. We extend our sincere appreciation to government officials for listening to the sector and reconsidering this decision.

Safety and injury prevention infrastructure plays an important role in protecting Nova Scotia's care workforce and supporting stable service delivery. Over the past decade, coordinated prevention efforts across the sector have contributed to a 30% reduction in workplace injury rates in Health and Community Services, including significant improvements in Home Care and Long-Term Care.

We are deeply grateful to our members, partners, and stakeholders who demonstrated strong leadership and collaboration during this time. Many individuals and organizations shared their perspectives and helped highlight the importance of prevention infrastructure in protecting the frontline workforce that delivers essential care across our province.

AWARE-NS remains committed to working collaboratively with government, employers, and sector partners to support safer workplaces and strengthen Nova Scotia's health and community services workforce.

Lorna O'Grady
Chair, AWARE-NS Board of Directors

Programming Update:

AWARE-NS is currently working to reschedule all public and private programming. Updates on newly launched sessions will be shared on our social media channels. Sector members can also subscribe to our newsletter for updates by emailing info@awarens.ca.