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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ENGAGEMENT ON PERSONAL CARE HOME STANDARDS

The Manitoba government is inviting Manitobans to provide feedback on personal care home standards to understand better their perspectives on this important topic, Health Minister Audrey Gordon announced today.

“Our government knows that families expect the best care possible when a loved one transitions into a personal care home,” said Gordon. “The feedback collected through this engagement will help us ensure the standards review process reflects these priorities and expectations.”

There are 124 licensed personal care homes (PCHs) in Manitoba that must meet a minimum set of standards to ensure safe and appropriate care to residents. The standards are set out in the Personal Care Home Standards Regulation under the Health Services Insurance Act and include admissions, care plans, nursing and medical care, pharmaceutical care, recreational and spiritual care, staff education and infection and disease control.

Following a serious COVID-19 outbreak in a PCH in October 2020, the Manitoba government commissioned an independent review to understand what happened and reduce the likelihood of a similar event happening in the future. The Stevenson Review made 17 recommendations including that government review and streamline licensing standards for PCHs to ensure they are current and relevant to the changing needs of residents.

Seniors and Long-term Care Minister Scott Johnston noted responses from this survey will help inform this work.

“Over the past year, much progress has been made in developing action and implementation plans in response to the recommendations outlined in the initial report,” said Johnston. “I look forward to the feedback we will receive from Manitobans through this engagement, which will inform next steps on ensuring personal care home standards are current and relevant to the changing needs of residents.”

To take part in the engagement, visit <https://engagemb.ca/>. The deadline for feedback is July 29.

To learn more about licensing and standards of PCHs, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/pch/licensing.html. To view the final Stevenson Review and learn more about the province’s response, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/maples_review.html.

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