

## NSHA Spring Forums

NSHA is organizing and hosting the Spring Forums this year. We have held the following dates and locations:

May 24 - Northern Zone

May 30 – Western Zone

June 1 – Central Zone

June 8 – Eastern Zone

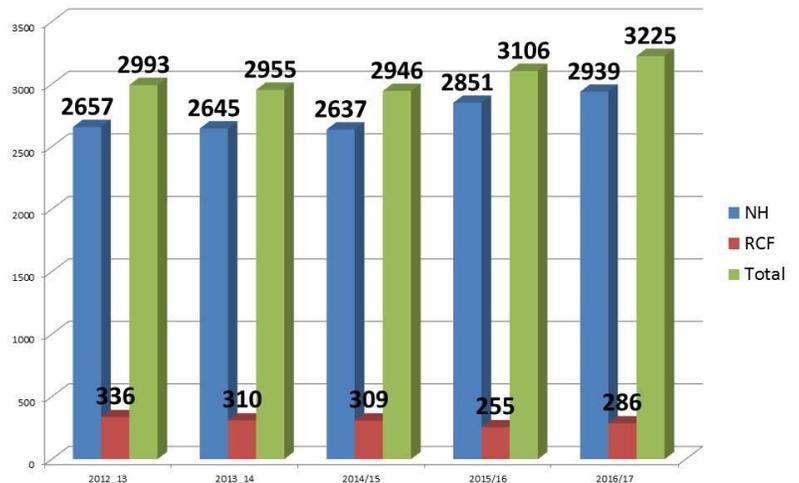
We sent out confirmation of the dates and venues along with a draft agenda on April 28.

We will provide an update on 2016-17 system trends and various initiatives, and share the progress we've made addressing the input you provided at the Fall Forums. We have asked DHW to provide an update on the new budget. DHW is also planning to engage participants in a consultation related to the new Continuing Care Strategy.

If you have any suggestions for us please contact Glenda Keenan at [Glenda.Keenan@nshealth.ca](mailto:Glenda.Keenan@nshealth.ca).



## Long Term Care Placements 2012-2017

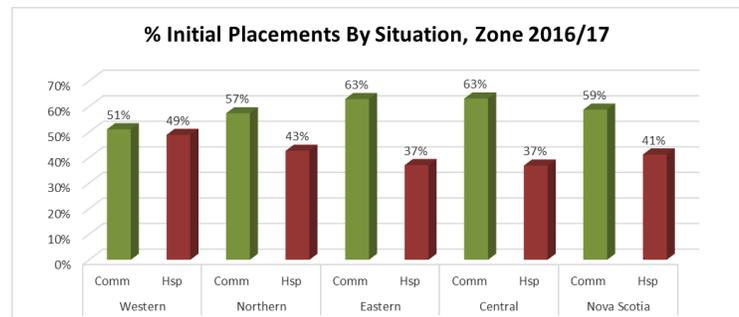


## Long-Term Care

Last year we once again completed more long-term care placements than the year before, with a 4% increase over 2015-16. We saw an increase in both nursing home and RCF placements, though the overall trend for RCF placements continues to be lower than previous years.

We continue to place more people from community than from hospital. Provincially, 59% of placements were from community while 41% were from hospital. This is slightly down from 2015-16, when we placed 62% of people from community and 38% from hospital. Our experience does vary by zone as the graph below shows.

### % Initial Placements By Situation, Zone 2016/17



## National Initiatives

We are pleased to be involved in two national initiatives focused on improving access and quality of care:

Our project proposal was one of nine selected by the **Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement** to be a part of their **207/18 EXTRA Fellowship** program. Our project *There's No Place Like Home* will examine the lessons learned from using a Home First approach across the province, and design and implement changes in Western zone where we haven't had the same level of success.

We are one of eight organizations in the country selected by the **Canadian Patient Safety Institute** and the **Canadian Home Care Association** to be part of their part of the **Home Care Safety Improvement Collaborative**. Our initiative will focus on developing and implementing case management standards for complex clients based on best practice.

## Contact Information

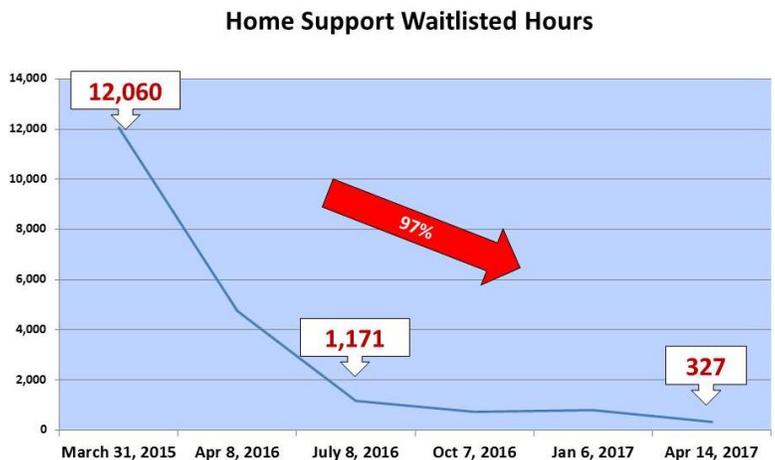
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## Home Support

Thank you to everyone who has worked to reduce and eliminate home support waitlists. Congratulations! We've had a remarkable year improving Nova Scotians' access to services. As of April 14, 2017 we had 43 people waiting for 327 hours – a dramatic difference from just two years ago.



As we work with agencies and DHW on implementing the new amendments to our current contracts in preparation for new contracts in 2018, we anticipate eliminating the waitlist entirely this year.

