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Janet Knox
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Dear Ms. Knox:

As a result of the recent restructuring of health services in Nova Scotia, Accreditation Canada developed a strategy to guide the accreditation process leading up to 2017 when a new accreditation decision status will be determined for the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

The strategy includes bridging surveys in 2016 for the former District Health Authorities. The outcome of the bridging surveys will be to identify strengths and areas for improvement leading up to the full accreditation survey in 2017.

Notwithstanding the results of the bridging surveys, your status as an accredited organization will remain in effect up to the on-site survey in 2017.

Based on the results of the on-site survey in 2017, the Nova Scotia Health Authority will receive an accreditation decision and report. Separate correspondence from the Accreditation Decision Committee will be sent containing the decision, follow-up requirements, and timelines arising from this on-site survey.

We at Accreditation Canada remain committed to working with you on your quality improvement efforts and look forward to continuing to provide guidance and support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss next steps, please contact Toby Yan, Manager Ontario and Atlantic Market, Client Services, at 1-800-814-7769 ext. 223.

Sincerely,

Christopher Dean
Chair, Accreditation Decision Committee

c.c. Gail Blackmore, Senior Director, Quality Improvement, Safety & Patient Relations
Catherine Gaulton, Vice President, Quality & System Performance & Chief Legal Officer