Communication Regarding Access to Health Care Services

Hi there, my name is Graeme Kohler and I am a Health Services Manager for the Nova Scotia Health Authority and I have the privilege of working with the Refugee Health Clinic team. The Refugee Health Clinic is located in Halifax, but will be a resource for the primary care providers across NS who have questions about providing care for refugees.

I want to say thank you for your dedication to providing support for a community who is in dire need of assistance. The Syrian refugees who are coming to Nova Scotia deserve access to safe, high quality health care as well as additional supports (housing, social supports, etc.). The physicians at the Refugee Health Clinic have a strong background in providing care to refugees which we are more than happy to share with colleagues across the province. To that end, we would ask the following of you:

- 1. Please contact me directly if you are in need of accessing a family doctor / nurse practitioner near you for a refugee / refugee family that you have sponsored.
- 2. Please send me an email to let me know if you have already arranged for a local family doctor / nurse practitioner to provide care for the refugees you have sponsored.

This information is critical as we want to connect with all community family doctors, nurse practitioners, and the teams they work with to ensure that they receive information on providing care for refugees. My contact information is below.

Thanks so much,

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