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**Oral Question 144-19(2): Full-Time Psychologist for Children and Youth for Treatment Centre**

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This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on March 3, 2020 regarding Full-Time Psychologist for Children and Youth for Treatment Centre.

Regarding the number of psychologist visits, there is one contracted psychologist for the Territorial Treatment Centre. He does not go to the site, but rather children receive bi-weekly counselling sessions at his office. He is also available for crisis and urgent situations.

I would also like to elaborate on the service contract itself. The contract between the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority and Unlimited Potential Community Services Society (otherwise known as UP) is for the delivery of a Family Shelter Foster Home. The contract to operate the Territorial Treatment Centre had been in place since October 1, 2015 and had previously been extended annually. However, there is now no longer an opportunity to extend and the contract expired in June 2019. We have since continued to receive services and have been billed on a monthly basis.

Currently, we are reviewing our options and expect that a Request for Proposal will be issued before fall 2020.

Thank you.

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