

Government of Northwest Territories

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Oral Ouestion 358-20(1): Primary Care Physicians

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 23, 2024, regarding the number of primary care physicians working in Yellowknife.

Family physicians in Yellowknife often provide a variety of services, including but not limited to primary care. For example, when a family physician is working in the Emergency Department, they are not providing primary care services, or a primary care family physician may also provide labour and delivery, oncology and/or hospitalist services, which removes them from primary care services.

The information below represents those hours that have been within the Primary Care setting:

July 1 – September 30, 2024		
	Number of Positions	Number of Hours Scheduled in Clinic
Staff	22	2516
Locum	36	2078

Thank you.

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