

To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners, and Volunteers

From: Chad Johnson, Director, Trauma & Pre-hospital, Emergency, Critical Care, Respiratory Services, NLOT
Crystal Edwards, Director Women & Children and Forensic Mental Health

Date: February 26, 2024

RE: **Addiction Medicine Consult Service (AMCS)**

We are pleased to announce the commencement of the Addiction Medicine Consult Service (AMCS) at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. With this incredible milestone, we are making great strides in advancing the [third objective](#) under our *Strategic Plan 2026* pillar *Patient Experience*.

The official launch of the AMCS will be Monday, March 4, 2024:

Phase 1 – Commencement of Services:

- In January, Kim Gross, RN was welcomed to the team as the Hospital's new AMCS nurse. Kim has held various roles within the organization, most recently contributing to our Consultation Liaison (CL) Service and Mental Health Assessment Team (MHAT).
- The AMCS RN will be available Monday to Friday from 0800 to 1600 hr., and will focus on providing patient education and discharge support.
 - The AMCS RN will primarily provide assistance to patients experiencing problematic substance use and/or addiction-related issues. Referrals may be started for patients requiring education on managing and caring for their substance use, along with personalized discharge planning to address and manage their substance use and addictions.
- Referrals to the AMCS nurse can be submitted through Meditech Order Entry:
 - Select "Addiction" under the category and "AMCS" under the procedure. To support triaging efforts, please include pertinent patient details.

For inquiries regarding our new service, please contact:

- Shawn Seagris, Manager – Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Ambulatory Mental Health and Inpatient Social Work at extension 6941
- or
- Giulia Daniele, Clinical Nurse Specialist - Addictions Medicine and Mental Health at extension 6959