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**NEW ADDICTIONS SUPPORTS  
FOR HSC WINNIPEG'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

Manitoba's \$3.5-million investment will allow for the hiring of additional staff at HSC Winnipeg including:

- **Addiction physician or psychiatrist** – This will be a contracted position that will allow for the addition of an on-site addiction physician or psychiatrist for weekend and evening shifts. Having an on-site addiction physician or psychiatrist will allow for quicker assessments of patients living with suspected mental health and/or addictions issues, reducing the amount of time they spend waiting for treatment.
- **Nursing** – The investment will allow for the hiring of 8.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, which will be a mix of psychiatric liaison and mental health in-patient nurses. These additional staff will allow police to more quickly 'hand off' responsibility for patients being dropped off who are suffering from acute drug or alcohol intoxication including those suffering from meth-associated psychosis.
- **Security patrol officers** – An additional 8.4 FTE security staff, trained to safely handle patients who are suffering from acute intoxication, will be hired to assist psychiatric liaison and mental health nurses with patients that have been dropped off by police. They will work to ensure these patients cause no harm, either to themselves or others.
- **Addictions outreach staff** – As part of a collaborative, multidisciplinary staffing model, two FTE addictions outreach positions will be added. Outreach staff will assist patients, both in the emergency department and in inpatient units, in accessing community supports upon their discharge from hospital, with a goal of putting them on a path towards treatment and recovery.
- **Unit assistants** – A total of 4.2 FTE positions will be added to provide clerical support for both the addictions unit and mental health inpatients.