NURSE PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

November 11, 2026

Ms. Nancy MacCready-Williams
Chief Executive Officer
Doctors Nova Scotia
25 Spectacle Lake Drive
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X7

Dear Ms Nancy MacCready-Williams,

The Nurse Practitioner Association of Nova Scotia (NPANS) is responding to Doctors Nova Scotia's (DNS) recent social media post November 2, 2026, in which a patient encounter was described involving a Nurse Practitioner (NP) and need for referral. This was a fictious encounter used to demonstrate to the public the advantage of the Home Health Model and role of the family physician.

Unfortunately, the depiction of the role of the Nurse Practitioner was very inaccurate. This social media campaign will lead to potential risk, public stress and confusion.

NPs are autonomous health care providers that work collaboratively with ALL health care providers to meet patient's needs.

Currently there are over 566 NPs in the province with 293 working in primary care. That translates to greater than 234,000 Nova Scotian's who have a Nurse Practitioner as their Most Responsible Care Provider (MRCP). NPs also work in acute care, specialty clinics and long-term care.

Nurse Practitioners have never sought to publicly attack or provide false information regarding another professional body.

We respect the expertise of our family physician colleagues however; we do not accept public misinformation regarding the Nurse Practitioner role or scope of practice.

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We request that Doctors Nova Scotia remove social media posts that depict Nurse Practitioners in an inaccurate manner. The language being used is outdated and inaccurate.

I look forward to a meeting with you to discuss this matter further.

Yours truly,



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NPANS President

CC. Premier Tim Houston
Honorable Minister of Health Michelle Thompson