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Public input wanted on development of Health Information Privacy and Management Act regulations

WHITEHORSE—The Department of Health and Social Services is seeking input from Yukoners on four key issues that will inform the development of the regulations for the *Health Information Privacy and Management Act*. The Act balances protection of personal health information with the information needs of health care workers so that they can provide Yukoners with the best care possible.

The department has released a public discussion document titled *Moving Forward with the Health Information Privacy and Management Act*. It identifies some of the key issues to be detailed in the regulations.

"We invite Yukoners to read this document and provide their comments on the proposals for the regulations," Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon said. "We want all Yukoners to have a comfort level with how their personal health information is being protected and this is an opportunity to ensure their views are heard."

The *Health Information Privacy and Management Act* is a new, modern, comprehensive act similar to laws in most Canadian provinces and territories. Regulations for the Act will set out standards for how personal health information is secured and what professions or organizations the Act will apply to.

Comments on the *Moving Forward with the Health Information Privacy and Management Act* public discussion document will be accepted until November 20. They can be provided in person, over the phone or via email. The discussion document can be downloaded at www.hss.gov.yk.ca.

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