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Yukon welcomes new audiologist

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon's Hearing Services branch now has a full-time audiologist on staff, the first since 2009. Aisling Smyth started with Hearing Services last week.

"I welcome Aisling to Yukon and to the Health and Social Services team. It's wonderful to finally have a dedicated person on hand to perform the duties required," Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham said. "Over the past four years, we have been working with contractors from Edmonton and Vancouver to provide hearing services to Yukoners."

Smyth recently graduated from the University of British Columbia with a master's degree in Audiology. Over the next few months, she will work through the current wait list which may lead to an eventual decrease in wait times for patients.

"I am looking forward to bringing my skills to the table to provide Yukoners with the best service possible," Smyth said. "The idea of working in a small town is very enticing to me and I'm excited to build relationships with the patients here at Hearing Services."

Smyth's responsibilities include performing pediatric to geriatric diagnostic hearing assessments, selecting and dispensing hearing aids, aural rehabilitation, public education and providing services to healthcare professionals.

"I've always been intrigued with the North and, as an outdoors enthusiast, I am very excited to explore Yukon and make Whitehorse my home," Smyth added.

For more information about Hearing Services visit www.hss.gov.yk.ca/hearing_services.php.

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