

1. Our party understands that the current wait times are unacceptable, and we will take immediate action to reduce wait times and improve access to care. This will include hiring 6 physician assistants & expanding the program to Moncton and Saint John. We will hire another 10 specialists and 11 family doctors and target them to the areas most in need. We will also prioritize and target RHA spending to focus on wait time reductions. As part of these measures, our party will work to standardize the Electronic Medical Record Program. We will also expand collaborative care models like Family Medicine New Brunswick. This will also include expanding the remit of pharmacists so that they can refill prescriptions for chronic conditions.

2. We look forward to working with our federal counterparts to build a Pharmacare strategy that works for everyone. We respect federal jurisdiction, and we will reach an agreement that works for all New Brunswickers. Our party is ready to work with pharmacists and will give them more decision-making power in our healthcare system, including expanding prescriptions.

3. Our party believes strongly in ensuring that all seniors can age with dignity. We will ensure that our province has an adequate number of home-care professionals to meet the needs of our healthcare system. We will also encourage diverse housing options so that seniors have a meaningful choice in how they choose to live. We will make sure that nursing homes and all care facilities have the staff they need to perform their duties. We will not grab seniors' assets, like the previous government, and our party will improve the management in nursing homes and enhance the delivery of home care services.

4. Mental health remains a serious issue and one that the Gallant government has failed to properly address. We are committed to improving working conditions for psychologists and counsellors, to address the chronic shortage. We will recruit new psychologists into our education system so that vulnerable students can get the care they need and deserve. Our party is committed to working with the College of Psychologists to improve contracted services, with a total new investment of over \$4 million every year.

5. We will work with RHAs, NBNU, our universities and other stakeholders to address problems with nurse retention. We will clearly identify obstacles and work with the University of Moncton and the University of New Brunswick to increase the number of training positions. Our party envisages a long-term strategy that moves New Brunswick in line with the most competitive jurisdictions in Canada. This will include making sure that nurses work package, including salary, benefits and workload, are comparable to other provinces. We know that those who know best are our professionals. Our party will also work with nurses to address problems with the current exam, which has proven problematic for many aspiring nurses. We will also increase opportunities for nurse practitioners and expand their vital role within our healthcare system.