

March 8, 2018



Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre
Attention: Tara Edeh
1161 2nd Avenue East,
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Dear Tara,

The purpose of this letter is three fold. Firstly, and most importantly, we wanted to express our appreciation and convey how much we value our community partnership with you. The Space offers such amazing support and increased access to our most isolated and vulnerable population. We feel very fortunate that you make the Needle Syringe Program available from your site. We look forward to strengthening this relationship and as always, we are open to discuss any thoughts or ideas to improve the delivery of the harm reduction program.

Secondly, we wanted to share our 2017 year-end data with you. Overall the Harm Reduction Program saw a decline in the total number of exchanges decreasing from 1907 in 2016 to 1628 (a 14.6% decrease) but an increase in the number of needles distributed increasing 6.75% from 2016.

The Needle Syringe Program started at your site in August. We did want to share with you, the 2017 statistics for your site. Since August, OATC had 118 exchanges. Your site distributed 1575 "quick packs". The primary drug of choice results were, "other opiates" (106) "crack" (1) "speed" (3).

Lastly, in 2017 we continued to see a decrease in the number of syringes being returned to Public Health for safe disposal. A very important part of our Harm Reduction program is ensuring the safe disposal of used injection materials. As we look for ways to enhance our efforts to improve this program, we would value any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Schieck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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