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Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre
Attention: Tara Edeh
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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 growth that the Harm Reduction program has seen in your site shows that the staff offer amazing support to the participants. 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 2018 year-end data with you. Overall the Harm Reduction Program saw an increase in the total number of visits up from 1628 in 2017 to 2580 (a 58.48% increase) and an increase in the number of needles distributed increasing 6.14% from 2017.

The Needle Syringe Program started at your site in August 2017. In 2018 your site had 631 visits and distributed 1504 quick packs, 352 safe smoking kits and 556 safer meth smoking kits.

Lastly, in 2018 we saw an increase 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, appearing to read "Ian Reich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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