



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Health and Social Services

1. On October 15, 2019, Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 153-154 of Hansard
submitted the following written question - WQ No.
gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers - MPP No.
RE: Seniors home care

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with (Member) on related to:
Bill No. Second Reading Third Reading
Committee of the Whole: (eg: Vote 15)
Motion No. RE:
at page(s) of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

- Our long term care homes provide many different supports to Yukoners. However, at times, individuals living in a long term care home do need acute care.
There are different types of IV treatment including short term, PICC lines and central venous catheters. Many of these treatments are not routinely practiced in long term care settings and some are most appropriately part of an acute care setting.
Our policy on IV therapy is for all of our long term care homes, not only Whistle Bend Place. This IV policy has been in place since 2014, and was most recently updated in 2017.
IV treatment is supported on a case-by-case basis in our long term care homes through our current policy. Most of our long term care nurses do not provide IV treatment as a routine part of their nursing duties, and may require additional specific training as well as scheduling changes to ensure they are providing current best-practice around IV treatment.
This policy is in place due to the infrequency of need for IV therapy in long term care setting. Thus, the very intentional approach of providing current training to the nurses to provide best care and safety for person needing the treatment.
With approval from the Safety and Clinical Excellence Branch, along with an order from a physician or a nurse practitioner (NP) and an approved medication, a qualified nurse initiates, monitors and completes the IV treatment.

October 21 18, 2019
Date

Signature