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JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE INUULITSIVIK HEALTH CENTRE AND THE NUNAVIK REGIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF A FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN IVUJIVIK

Dear Nunavimmiut,

The Inuulitsivik Health Centre (IHC) and the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) extend our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of the four-year-old child who has passed away in Ivujivik.

We recognize that this loss is deeply painful for the family, their loved ones, and the entire community. Our thoughts are with everyone who is grieving and with all those who have been affected by this tragedy.

We have a responsibility to ensure that the circumstances around this tragedy are thoroughly and objectively examined. We are committed to transparency and to shedding light on the circumstances surrounding this loss. Internally, the IHC clinical directorates have been mobilized, and a multidisciplinary review of the case has been initiated. Independent and external processes are also underway. The coroner responsible for the case has initiated her investigation, the Office of the Service Quality and Complaints Commissioner is involved, and an independent medical examiner external to the IHC will also review the case. The IHC is fully cooperating with all parties involved and will provide the information required to support these processes.

Out of respect for the family, our confidentiality obligations, and the integrity of the processes underway, the IHC cannot comment on individual clinical information or draw conclusions at this time.

We understand that emotions are understandably strong. We please ask everyone to remain calm, to look after one another, and to allow the appropriate processes to take place. Violence is not the solution. It will not bring answers or healing to the family or the community. At this difficult time, we encourage people to come together with compassion, respect and care for one another.



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Support is available to all those impacted. Natural helpers and health professionals have been mobilized to provide culturally grounded, compassionate care and to support healing in the days and weeks ahead. To all those grieving or struggling in the wake of this tragedy: please reach out. You do not have to go through this alone.

The IHC and the NRBHSS are committed to act on the findings and recommendations resulting from these reviews and to implement any measures required to strengthen the safety and quality of care and services provided to Nunavimmiut. We remain committed to supporting the family, the community of Ivujivik, and all those affected as they navigate the days ahead.

Sincerely,

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