



The College of
Physicians and Surgeons
of Newfoundland and Labrador

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ACT – EXPANDED DUTY TO REPORT

Notice to College Members

August 13, 2019

The Department of Health and Community Services has requested that we circulate information to College Members regarding the expanded duty to report under the *Children, Youth and Families Act* (CYFA).

Under the new CYFA, physicians are required to report immediately to a manager, social worker, or peace officer if they have information that a child (under the age of 16) **or a youth** (age 16-17) is or may be in need of protective intervention.

Additional information pertaining to this duty to report can be found on the Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines page of the College's website under the heading "Mandatory Reporting."

Questions regarding this duty to report should be directed to the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development at (709) 729-5135.

All College communication to its members will be by email.
It is a professional obligation for College members to read all College communications.