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## **ESTATE PLANNING LEGAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

“The social determinants of health are the social conditions in which people live and work. Good medical care is vital, but unless the root social causes that undermine people’s health are addressed, the opportunity for wellbeing will not be achieved.” –World Health Organization Commission on the Social Determinants of Health

**Questions about Power of Attorney  
or Wills?**

**We may be able to help.**

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## What is the Legal Health Program?

The Legal Health Program offers free legal information, resources, referrals and legal advice to eligible patients when an estate planning legal issue is affecting the patient's health and well-being.

## What help is available?

- Free legal information, resources, and referrals on estate planning issues from a trained; volunteer law student or Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia staff; by phone or in person;
- Free, brief legal advice from a lawyer who does estate planning work;
- Preparation of a Will or Power of Attorney document at no cost.

Legal information and referrals are provided by staff and trained volunteers at LISNS. Legal advice is provided by volunteer lawyers.

## Does it cost me anything?

Legal information and referrals are free.

If you meet all eligibility criteria you can get a free Will or Power of Attorney prepared by a volunteer lawyer. Any further legal services would be at a cost agreed on between you and the lawyer.

## Who can get help from the Legal Health Program?

You qualify for the Legal Health Program's estate planning legal help if:

- You are a patient with a life-limiting illness who is receiving care on the Palliative Care Unit-Victoria General Hospital, QEII
- You need legal information, resources and legal advice about:
  - Powers of Attorney
  - Personal Directive
  - Will
- You have a combined family gross income of less than \$65,000 per year for the current or immediate preceding tax year, and do not own real property (land/house)

## What areas of law are covered?

The Legal Health Program covers:

- Free legal information and referrals on estate planning issues, such as Wills, Power of Attorney (money issues), and Personal Directives (personal care, health decisions);
- Preparation of a Power of Attorney or Will.

## How do I apply for the Legal Health Program?

Ask a NSHA social worker about referring you to the Legal Health Program.

A social worker will review your application for certain criteria and provide you with information about the Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS). A LISNS volunteer or staff can provide legal information, resources, confirm your eligibility, and determine the possible legal issue before sending your application to a lawyer for legal advice and services where appropriate.

## What if I don't qualify for the program?

You can still get free legal information.

The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS) will assess your legal needs and, where possible, refer you to a legal resource in your community that may help.