

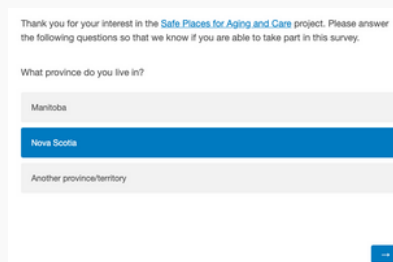
# Project updates

## Safe Places for Aging and Care

May 2022

As data collection is well underway in Nova Scotia, we would like to share the following update with our knowledge users. We recognize that the long-term care sector continues to face many challenges and we respect that your time is limited. Thank you for your continued contributions to this project through team meetings, emails, and sharing calls for participation. We look forward to continuing to share results that inform and support your work.

## Data collection in Nova Scotia started April 2022



Thank you for your interest in the Safe Places for Aging and Care project. Please answer the following questions so that we know if you are able to take part in this survey.

What province do you live in?

Manitoba

**Nova Scotia**

Another province/territory

We have received 29 responses to our survey so far: 5 from family caregivers, and 24 from staff. Of these participants, 9 have indicated interest in engaging in interviews, and we have our

first interview scheduled with a Nova Scotia participant next week. Recognizing the importance of engagement with stakeholders on the ground to promote participation in the Safe Places project, our strategy moving forward is to strive to create personal connections and concentrate on sharing information about project thus far, including how to participate in the survey or interviews. We are asking our knowledge users in the province to share the call for participation through their networks to help with this effort.

## On-site observation

Data collection activities are also ongoing in Manitoba. The survey and interviews have wrapped up, and the research team has planned on-site observations in partnership with a long-term care facility in Southern Manitoba. The observations will take place over a two-week period, from June 6th to June 17th. Included in the planned period are key-informant interviews, during which members of various management groups at the facility will share their experiences and provide a tour. We will also be welcoming family caregivers and older adults in the facility to participate in interviews during that time. The observations are the final planned phase of data collection in Manitoba. We hope that the lessons we learn from this first on-site observational experience will help us inform how to approach a site for observations in Nova Scotia in 2023.

## In-person team meeting

Last week, the trainee team met for an in-person meeting in Brandon, Manitoba, to discuss the data that has been collected thus far; to identify key themes from the analyses already completed; and to plan Manitoba on-site observations in greater detail. This included preliminary results from the Manitoba survey, which was closed last month. The research assistants continue to work on cleaning the data that was collected, and we hope to share findings and draft a preliminary knowledge user report this summer.

## New team members

We also welcome new staff to the project. Two research assistants have been hired to assist with data collection and analysis over the summer. Alyssa Weeks is pursuing her Master's in International Development Studies at Dalhousie University and is interested in long-term care and health equity and aging. Patricia Estacio is a Psychiatric Nursing student at Brandon University and brings with her experience volunteering and working in long-term care facilities in Manitoba, as well as lived experience with long-term care. Alyssa will assist with recruitment, data collection and analysis in Nova Scotia. Patricia will be assisting with data collection and analysis in Manitoba and will help with the planned on-site observations coming up next month. Both Patricia and Alyssa are great additions to our team.

## Thank you

We would like to thank you our knowledge user advisory committee for the contributions they have made and continue to make to this project. Your knowledge and expertise are invaluable. We look forward to intensifying our recruitment efforts and data collection activities in Nova Scotia in the year to come.

Sincerely,

The Safe Places team

*Thank you* 