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Dear Residents and Families on Tower 5:

Subject: Special Needs (SNU) Beds on Tower 5

In the Winnipeg Health Region, there is an urgent need for additional SNU beds to support people living with dementia that are waiting in hospital. These individuals have care needs that cannot be safely provided in a general Personal Care Home.

DLC has been successful in the past in creating a temporary 10-bed SNU on Tower 6. Because of this success, DLC has proposed to create a 10-bed SNU once again but on Tower 5. Tower 6 is currently empty and planning is underway to move Residents from Tower 7 (SNU) to Tower 6 while Tower 7 undergoes some much-needed renovations.

The 10-bed SNU will be located at the south end of Tower 5 beyond the fire doors and will have additional staff to support the care needs of these residents. Both the fire doors at the south end of the unit and the doors into the Lodge Building will be equipped with maglocks (with keypads and swipe technology) for the safety of the SNU Residents and the Tower 5 Residents. The code to enter and exit the Unit will be provided to Visitors as needed.

We don't know how long these temporary beds will be needed but updates will be provided by the Resident Care Manager, Karen Murphy, who will continue to manage the care for all Tower 5 Residents. Karen managed Tower 6 when the temporary SNU beds were operating.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work to meet the needs of the community. Please contact Karen if you have questions or concerns at 204-831-2905 or kmurphy@deerlodge.mb.ca

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Scott

Chief Operating Officer