

Dear Ms Sullivan, I would like to personally thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Thunder Bay consultations regarding interprofessional collaboration and the review of scope of practice of our profession (physiotherapy). I hope that the discussion on the morning of August 11, 2008 served to provide you and your colleagues with the additional information and clarification of current practice of physiotherapists in the NW LHINS. One question that was asked requested number of physiotherapists currently working in the NW LHINS. and we were able to provide an estimate. I would like to provide you with more accurate numbers from our 2008 College registrations and contact with various communities. There are currently 133 physiotherapists working in the NW region with 70% located in the city of Thunder Bay. 29 physiotherpists work in rural and remote communities. In addition there are currently only two vacancies in Thunder bay with 11 positions vacant in the region. I hope that these numbers will assist the Council in its final submission to the Minister. Sincerely, Michelle Strong Registered Physiotherapist MCCausland Hospital Terrace Bay