

# Public Health Sudbury & Districts Infection Prevention and Control Lapse (IPAC) Report

<b>Initial Report</b>	<b>Last updated on: March 27, 2023</b>
Premise/facility under investigation: (name and address)	Réseau Access Network Harm Reduction In-Reach Services 101-111 Larch Street Sudbury, ON P3E 4T5
Type of premise/facility: (for example, medical clinic, multi-service PSS)	Non-for-profit agency that provides harm reduction in-reach and outreach services.
Date Board of Health became aware of the IPAC lapse:	January 13, 2023
Date the IPAC lapse was linked to the premise/facility:	January 13, 2023
Date of Initial Report posting:	Not Applicable
Date of Initial Report update(s): (if applicable)	Not Applicable
Source of the IPAC lapse information: (for example, routine inspection, public complaint)	Self-reported by Réseau Access Network Harm Reduction In-Reach Services via a phone call on January 13, 2023.
Summary Description of the IPAC lapse	<p>On January 13, 2023, Réseau Access Network reported that previously used syringes in the equipment storage room at 101-111 Larch Street were potentially provided to clients for use in the community, through Harm Reduction In-Reach Services.</p> <p>Réseau Access Network Harm Reduction In-Reach Services had a practice whereby syringes were removed from sterile packaging and placed in containers for clients that preferred access to individual syringes.</p> <p>A staff member observed used syringes in the containers used to store new single use syringes (that were improperly removed from their sterile packaging) for clients to access.</p> <p>This was observed on January 13, and the investigation determined the previously used syringes could have been placed in the containers at some point between July 1, 2022, and January 13, 2023. As a result, clients who accessed single syringes from Réseau Access Network Harm Reduction In-Reach Services from July 1, 2022, to January 13, 2023, were potentially exposed to previously used syringes.</p>
<b>IPAC Lapse Investigation</b>	
Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college?	Yes
If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college?	Yes
Were other stakeholders notified? (for example, Ministry)	Ministry of Health

Concise description of the corrective measures required.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Immediately and moving forward, all syringes are to be provided to clients in their original, prepackaged sterile packaging.</li> <li>2. Require clients accessing services to dispose of used sharps equipment in approved sharps containers.</li> <li>3. Prevent access of stored equipment to non-staff and clients that are not trained to handle the equipment safely.</li> </ol>
Please provide further details/steps:	An exposure notification letter written by Réseau Access Network, in collaboration with and approved by Public Health Sudbury & District was distributed to identified potentially exposed clients (via active and intensive outreach and in-reach contact tracing) with recommendations for testing and counselling offered through Réseau Access Network and Public Health Sudbury & Districts.
Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owners/operators: (if applicable)	Not Applicable
<b>Initial Report Comments and Contact Information</b>	
Any additional comments. (Do not include any personal information or personal health information)	N/A
<b>If you have any further questions, please contact:</b>	
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<b>Final Report</b>	
Date of Final Report posting:	March 31, 2023
Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owners/operators. (if applicable)	N/A
Brief description of corrective measures taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Immediately and moving forward, all syringes provided to clients, are provided in original prepackaged and sterile packaging.</li> <li>2. Clients are required to dispose of used equipment in approved sharps containers within the facility.</li> <li>3. Réseau Access Network prevents access of stored equipment to non-staff and clients that are not trained to handle the equipment safely.</li> </ol>
Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed:	January 14, 2023
<b>Final Report Comments and Contact Information</b>	
Any additional comments. (Do not include any personal information or personal health information)	N/A
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