

MINISTERIAL AUTHORIZATION
Pursuant to Section 71(5)(e) the *Hospitals Act*

Police, sheriffs and corrections officers operating in the Province of Nova Scotia are required to take into custody or transport those in custody, on occasion, a person requiring or receiving medical care at a health care facility.

In the course of their duties, police, sheriffs and corrections officers from time to time require access to health information with respect to those persons, which information is contained in hospital records.

Accordingly, under Section 71(5)(e) of the *Hospitals Act*, I hereby designate and authorize police, sheriffs and corrections officers in the Province of Nova Scotia, to receive from hospitals in Nova Scotia the hospital records and information as the police officer, sheriff or corrections officer in his or her discretion, deems necessary shall include, but is not limited to an Interdepartmental Health Information Transfer Form. For greater clarity, the hospital records and information referred to in this authorization are contained in the document entitled, "Interdepartmental Health Information Transfer Form" and may include any additional information as deemed, by the attending physician, as necessary to be included.

DATED at Halifax this 17th day of December, 2001.



The Honourable Jamie Muir
Minister of Health