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## Biomedical Engineering Technologist now in Hay River

Hay River Health and Social Services Authority (HRHSSA) is excited to announce Biomedical Engineering now has a Biomedical Engineering Technologist based in Hay River. Olivia Powell joined the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA) Biomedical Engineering team in May 2021 and her first day at the Hay River Regional Health Centre was October 28<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Olivia is originally from Outer Cove, Newfoundland and graduated with her Diploma in Biomedical Electronics Engineering Technology in April 2021. She has training on dialysis, ventilators, and various other technologies.

Olivia will work closely with the biomedical engineering team based out of Stanton Territorial Hospital which will continue to support Hay River and area residents with expertise, advice, training and staffing as required.

What does this mean for Hay River?

- the Biomedical Engineering position in Hay River came about to meet the need to rapidly support complex dialysis technology used in our Dialysis unit, local support means quicker resolution to any issues that may happen and a more stability for this important service area.
- In addition to the support the NTHSSA provides, having a member of the team on-theground will allow for an ongoing understanding of the local needs as well as the opportunities for innovation and improvement in the technology that supports our health and social services system
- Olivia will also provide more rapid support to the health facilities in the South Slave Region including Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Fort Providence and Hay River Reserve.