A LIVING LABORATORY SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH COMPLEX CARE NEEDS: UNB’S CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN INTEGRATED CARE (CRIC)

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Patients with complex care needs require more and varied health care services than the average population.

They also require access to a high degree of coordinated care.

Evidence has shown that these individuals and their families have better outcomes if they have access to integrated services across settings and sectors.

The sustainability of the New Brunswick (NB) health care system is dependent upon finding new ways to meet the needs of individuals facing complex health concerns.

Although promising research initiatives in this field are underway in NB, many have been undertaken independently of one another, which results in fragmented efforts to improve health outcomes.

It is critical to provide a platform for the integration of these research initiatives to ensure effective collaboration among key stakeholders, hence the development of the ‘Centre for Research in Integrated Care’ (CRIC).

CRIC, established in October 2018, is a collaborative living laboratory that develops and evaluates integrated models of care that are patient-centred and meet the unique needs of individuals with complex health and social concerns.

CRIC is also a transformative teaching centre for research trainees and clinicians across disciplines.

There is a critical mass of stakeholders committed to this endeavour, with opportunities to not only foster existing partnerships, but also create new partnerships in our region and beyond.

CRIC offers:

- Networking
- Project planning
- Letters of support
- Evidence synthesis
- Ethics applications
- Knowledge translation
- Stakeholder engagement
- Cross-jurisdictional linkages
- Grant proposal preparation
- Methodology / study design