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To: Academic Partners
Date: December 5, 2016
From: CST Student/Faculty readiness working group, Heather Straight- chair
Re: **Update on timing of CST activation at VCH-Coastal sites**

- Activation of the new clinical information system at VCH-Coastal/Group 1 sites will not take place in Spring 2017 as previously planned. (Group 1 sites include Lions Gate Hospital campus and Sea-to-Sky facilities.)
- The decision to change the timing was driven by an intensive planning process which has determined more time and work are required to ensure a successful activation at Group 1 sites.
- CST project leaders are working with VCH-Coastal stakeholders to put together a revised implementation schedule and will set a new target activation date in early 2017.
- The Ministry of Health and the three CST project partners (VCH, PHSA and PHC) remain deeply committed to supporting the project, which is so important to improving the safety, quality and consistency of patient care.
- Any nursing programs with previous instructor led group placements in the spring semester at a Group 1 site will be contacted by Lisa Bower, Clinical Education Lead for VCH to discuss next steps. Lisa can be contact at lisa.bower@vch.ca
- As soon as we have more information regarding the new implementation date/plan, we'll be in touch. In the meantime, please contact Heather if you require any additional information. Heather.straight@phsa.ca

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