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Karyn Cooper:

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of The AIDS Network CTS application for a section 56.1 exemption for medical purposes under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) regarding activities at a supervised consumption site.

Health Canada is committed to working collaboratively with you during all stages of the supervised consumption site application process. In order to help understand the process, guidance can be found on the Government of Canada's website: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/substance-use/supervised-consumption-sites/apply.html. During the course of the stages of screening, reviewing, and taking a decision on your application, Health Canada may contact you to request clarification or additional information where needed.

It is possible for Health Canada to issue an exemption before the site is fully retrofitted. However, in such circumstances, the exemption would contain terms and conditions requiring that the site be visited in order to confirm that the site has been constructed according to the plans reviewed and approved by Health Canada.

Following our Office's initial screening, we are pleased to inform you that the application contains sufficient information for our Office to begin its review.

There is a very large body of literature on supervised consumption sites. Based on these reviews, properly established and maintained supervised consumption sites save lives. We are committed to reviewing supervised consumption site applications as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter or regarding any of the requirements, our Office is always available to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact us at exemption@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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