

Nova Scotia Health Authority Zones

Management Zones to Support Local Health Services Management & Delivery

The province believes that local leadership is important and will maintain local clinical and operational leadership in the consolidated health care structure. To do this effectively, four management zones are being created to deliver programs and services and support provincial planning. The zones will cover the following geographic areas and will be co-lead by an Operations Executive Director and Medical Executive Director, reporting to Vice-Presidents with the Nova Scotia Health Authority Senior Executive Team.

Western

Yarmouth, Shelburne, Digby, Queens, Annapolis, Lunenburg and Kings counties. Existing Health Authorities: South West Health, Annapolis Valley Health, South Shore Health.

Eastern

Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria and Cape Breton counties. Existing Health Authorities: Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority and Cape Breton District Health Authority.

How were the zone boundaries chosen?

The zone boundaries were determined based on a number of considerations including:

- where Nova Scotians typically access services
- traditional community affiliations and medical staff relationships (e.g. referral patterns)
- recent/concurrent planning processes that address/consider boundary issues
- the impact of geographic boundaries as an enabler/barrier to future clinical services planning, and
- the geographic boundaries used by other connected services such as Community Services.

This is a logical grouping of counties and the health facilities and services within them. It will help optimize collaboration and integration as part of our new health authority structure. In its design recommendations the DHA Consolidation Transition & Design team will include advice on how services and staff can be structured by management zones that are part of the provincial health authority, as well as the operations offices for the zones.



Northern

East Hants and Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou counties. Existing Health Authorities: Colchester East Hants Health Authority, Cumberland Health Authority and Pictou County Health Authority.

Central

Halifax County and West Hants. Existing Health Authorities: Capital Health.