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Health Canada Authorizes Two New Lookout Society Supervised Consumption Sites

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC – Lookout Society (Lookout) is pleased to announce that Health Canada has approved the operation of four new supervised consumption sites across Canada, two of which are operated by Lookout. The two sites, located in **Vancouver at the Powell Street Getaway** (528 Powell Street) and in **Surrey at 135 A Street**, currently offer overdose prevention services. With today's announcement, Lookout will now be able to offer more comprehensive supervised consumption services as we combat the overdose crisis.

Lookout has increased services across the region in response to the overdose crisis, which has taken its toll across British Columbia. Lookout offers overdose prevention services in Vancouver, Surrey and Abbotsford and all front line staff are trained in naloxone reversals. Lookout has increased access to harm reduction supplies and education, and peer-lead substance use programs. All of these services have been implemented with support from Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health Authority. With the increased funding Lookout will better serve the community and save lives.

"The overdose epidemic has placed a tremendous strain on some of the most vulnerable people in our communities, as well as on front-line staff," says Shayne Williams, Executive Director for Lookout Society. "Today's announcement will allow more rapid integration of services such as supervised consumption, increased peer programming, enhanced harm reduction and education, as well as more accessible options for substance users in prevention, detox and recovery."

"Lookout operates multiple health programs, and this support will allow our staff more tools and resources not only to respond in the moment to overdoses, but to help individuals access more treatment and health options," adds Keir Macdonald, Deputy Executive Director for Lookout Society.

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About Lookout Society

Founded in 1971, The Lookout Emergency Aid Society operates 32 buildings across nine Metro Vancouver communities; Vancouver, Surrey, New Westminister, the North Shore, Burnaby, Maple Ridge, Mission, Langley and Abbotsford.

Lookout cares for vulnerable people 24 hours a day - 365 days a year, assisting with housing and health solutions. Lookout reaches nearly 2,500 people every day through its 74 programs and houses over 1,200 people each night in shelters, transitional, supportive and affordable housing.

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