

Press Release

Local organizations and CLSC home support services join forces to improve local services for seniors in Avignon West

Matapédia, February 16th, 2023 – In August 2022, the Gaspésie Integrated Health and Social Services Center (CISSS) began a project with community partners with the aim of improving local services for seniors with loss of autonomy of the territory of Avignon West (from Escuminac to L'Ascension-de-Patapédia).

In early fall 2022, a working committee was formed, made up of citizens, a caregiver, people from the municipal sector, community organizations, a social economy enterprise, a seniors' home and the CISSS de la Gaspésie. The members first took note of the population and territorial portrait produced by Public Health before producing a directory of community services and of the CISSS de la Gaspésie.

In December 2022, the committee undertook a three-part consultation to know the needs of seniors with loss of autonomy and identify what would allow them to stay at home, safely, for as long as possible. This consultation includes stakeholders from the community and from the CISSS de la Gaspésie, caregivers and seniors with loss of autonomy.

For Bruce Wafer, Mayor of Escuminac, "This approach is important in a context where the population of our sector is particularly aging and vulnerable".

Annik Gallant, worker in the community, explains "The committee saw fit to conduct this consultation to find out about the obstacles, strengths and weaknesses of current home support services in our community by consulting the main stakeholders on the needs of people with loss of autonomy. »

Finally, the results of this consultation will allow the committee to develop a concerted action plan focused on the needs of seniors that will improve the various home support services on the territory of Avignon West. Fanny Bernard, assistant director of the support program for the autonomy of the elderly (SAPA) at the CISSS de la Gaspésie mentions "we wish, during the fall of 2023, to share with the population the results and the resulting action plan".

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