

Grey County Paramedic Services

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Dear: Mike Muir

This correspondence is to clarify information received by my staff that that Hanover & District Hospital purchase a new baby isolette to accommodate the redesigned ambulances. We have been informed that the old isolette no longer fits in the ambulance. The Hospital has considered your request and is of the view that this expenditure is the responsibility of the County Ambulance Services and not the Hospital.

As you are aware, the County has overall responsibility under the *Ambulance Act* and its regulations for ensuring the proper provision of land ambulance services in the County in accordance with the needs of persons in the catchment area. As part of discharging this responsibility, the County must ensure the supply of vehicles, equipment, services, information and any other thing necessary for the proper provision of land ambulance services in accordance with the Act and regulations. It is clear from the *Ambulance Act* that this would include the provision of a baby transport isolette.

We understand that some of the surrounding hospitals have purchased a baby isolette and the current practice is for ambulance services to borrow from neighboring communities as needed. If this practice is no longer sufficient to support the proper provision of local land ambulance services, this puts the land ambulance service at risk. Accordingly, should any loss occur due to sub-standard land transport because the appropriate isolette were not purchased, I believe it is the county that will be liable. We understand and regret any inconvenience or discomfort that this may place on your capital budget, however we truly cannot absorb paying for your capital as well as ours. Should you wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,



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