

BRIEFING NOTE

Title: Media Reports of Gas Sniffing in Sheshatshiu.

Issue: In the last two days there have been several media reports of gas sniffing in the community of Sheshatshiu.

Background:

- Recently the media reported action initiated by a family from Sheshatshiu to have a twenty year lady who is involved in gasoline sniffing, bonded to stay away from their home and children. The Court granted such an order.
- When the media followed up with people in the community, they also learned that eight children who had been sniffing gasoline had recently been admitted to the Charles J. Andrews Centre for treatment of solvent abuse.
- Reports from Kate Gray, Director of Child, Youth and Family Services, Health Labrador Corporation (HLC) and from community representatives in Sheshatshiu indicate these latest incidents are to be expected, and that the overall situation is well under control.

Recommendations:

- No further action is required at this time. Media inquiries should be directed to HLC and/or the Sheshatshiu Band Council.

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