BY THE NUMBERS

We are taking action now to ensure patients and their families have the care they need now and in the future. We are doing this by creating new ways to deliver care, improving how our health providers are scheduled, and getting creative about attracting, recruiting and keeping our employees.

- Alberta Health Services employs a clinical workforce of approximately 72,000.

- AHS employs approximately 26,000 Registered Nurses (RNs), 5,700 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and 6,700 Health Care Aids (HCAs), as well as many more allied health staff.

- We are not reducing our workforce; in fact, our nursing workforce has increased by 13 per cent, or more than 3,650, since 2010.

- Only 31 per cent of AHS nurses work full time. This number is up from 28 per cent in 2012. Nationally, the rate is 56.9 per cent.

- If we continue as we do today, AHS will be required to add approximately 35,000 clinical workers by 2017 to maintain clinical operations.

- Increasing the number of full time employees will decrease the number of new clinical workers needed over the next five years by 15,000.

- A team-based model of care is being tried out at three sites: Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, Royal Alexandra Hospital and the University of Alberta Hospital.

- Patients are our number 1 priority; improving how we support our staff to care for others means Albertans can be assured of reliable staffing levels and a consistent level of care.