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Providence Manor responds to news of charges against former employee

KINGSTON (March 31, 2008) – Kingston Police have advised Providence Manor that a recent police investigation has resulted in charges of sexual assault against a former staff member at Providence Manor, a long-term care home in Kingston. The abuse is alleged to have occurred on Providence Manor premises.

The accused appeared in provincial court Friday afternoon. The court imposed a publication ban on any information that could potentially identify the alleged victims.

Providence Manor takes a zero-tolerance approach to abuse in any form. Abuse represents a serious breach of trust and cannot be condoned. Any complaint is taken seriously, and is promptly investigated and action is taken to protect residents, families, staff, and volunteers.

The employee was suspended from all duties and removed from the workplace as soon as the allegations were reported to staff. Providence Manor immediately launched an internal investigation. Police and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care were notified of the allegations. Providence Manor has been cooperating with the Kingston Police throughout their investigation.

The employee is no longer with Providence Manor.

“We are sorry for the distress this news may cause. Our first priority is to ensure the safety and dignity of our residents, and to offer support to our residents, families, staff and volunteers and this is our focus,” said Shelagh Nowlan, Providence Manor site administrator.

“We take pride in providing safe, compassionate and high quality care,” Nowlan continued. “These allegations are not representative of the actions of our dedicated staff.”

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