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**The Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation funds the formation of a Community Response Network in White Rock/South Surrey.**

The BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCACRN) has appointed Louise Tremblay as Program Development Coordinator to facilitate the formation of a Community Response Network (CRN) in White Rock/South Surrey within the next 15 months.



Louise has been part of the White Rock/South Surrey community since 1993. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Leadership from Royal Roads University. She believes that individuals should live in safe communities. “Every person is distinctive and should be respected and treated with dignity,” says Louise.

Sherry Baker, Executive Director of the BCACRN, is excited about the prospects of expanding and re-initiating the Community Response Networks into White Rock/South Surrey. She has assigned the regional mentor, Kathy Doerksen to support Louise in this work.

“A CRN is a diverse group of concerned community members who come together to create a coordinated community response to adult abuse, neglect and self-neglect”, says Sherry Baker. “The group is committed to the detection, intervention and prevention of all abuse of vulnerable adults.”

The goals of the CRN are:

- (a) to increase the capacity of health care professionals, emergency responders, service providers and other concerned persons in the community by developing protocols that will enable these groups to work together in a coordinated manner,
- (b) to increase awareness in the community of the kinds of abuse—financial, emotional, physical and sexual—and to develop a sense of community to prevent it,
- (c) to enhance the health and wellness of vulnerable adults in the community by making them feel safe and reducing isolation and trauma.

This community project in White Rock/South Surrey is funded through a grant from the Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation.

*If you are interested in participating in the formation of the CRN, please contact Louise Tremblay at [louise.tremblay@bccrns.ca](mailto:louise.tremblay@bccrns.ca).*

For more information on the BCACRN, please go to [www.bccrns.ca](http://www.bccrns.ca).

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