

Collaboration Agreement
between
Department of Health in Arkhangelsk Oblast
and
Northern Norway Regional Health Authority

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1. Introduction

In accordance with "Erklæringen om grunnlaget for forbindelsene mellom kongeriket Norge og Den russiske føderasjon" of 26th March 1996 and the long-term collaboration between Arkhangelsk Oblast and the three regions of North Norway, Finnmark, Troms and Nordland, Department of Health in Arkhangelsk Oblast and Northern Norway Regional Health Authority, hereafter named the partners, agrees on the following outline for collaboration for the period 2007-2009.

2. Intentions

The collaboration agreement covers our common interests in health related issues, diagnostics, treatment, prevention, education and training of health professionals and research. The agreement should lead to professional collaboration on equal basis on issues regarding health and wellbeing. The main focus of this work should be collaboration on all levels, characterised by openness, equality and respect for each others professional competences. The collaboration should be founded on development and improvement of healthcare, medical education and research.

The parties aim at having several common projects running at all times, cf. 3. Focus

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The parties should actively contribute to better knowledge of each others organisation and practise, and utilize the regional Barents collaboration as basis for expanding contact networks and exchange of information. The collaboration should focus on the following areas:

A) Public Health

Collaboration on measures to prevent disease and health problems, and actions to promote public health in the High North.

B) Health services

There should be broad collaboration to develop both primary health care and specialist services, and cooperation between these. Competence building related to environmental and "arctic" medicine should be emphasised. There should also be emphasis on strengthening emergency medicine capacity and disaster and emergency preparedness.

C) Infrastructure

The partners should promote cross-boarder collaboration. Professional networks and meeting points for exchange of information and dialog should be established. The partners should pursue the utilisation of telecommunication both within the field of disaster and emergency preparedness and in developmental work, and for information exchange and dialog.