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Rural Medical Services Being Eroded: Jones



Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones sees announced changes in health care as another example of rural medical services being eroded by the Williams Government, and she fears other communities are next. People in the Lewisporte area are pulling out all the stops in an effort to have government reverse a decision to strip their clinic of lab and x-ray services. Government made the announcement Monday afternoon, much to the surprise of area residents. Community activist Reverend Arthur Elliott says Health Minister Paul Oram was in the town only a couple of weeks ago but mentioned nothing about it. He says there will be a rally at 2:00 Thursday afternoon outside the lab and x-ray building. Elliott told VOCM BackTalk with Bill Rowe he's concerned that doctors will leave the clinic in frustration. Residents of Flower's Cove will soon have to access lab and x-ray work at Curtis Memorial Hospital in St. Anthony. Both Lewisporte and Flower's Cove are getting new health care facilities.