

REPORT FROM HELSE NORD

presented by Oddvar Larsen in Arkhangelsk 20 September 2017

First, thank you Mr. Anton Karpunov for signing a new agreement for collaboration with us in Helse Nord, to bring our good relations and collaboration between hospitals new steps forward.

Thanks also a lot to Karelien for arranging Barents Rescue 2017 recently. From our region in Norway we were represented with more than 10 professionals from hospitals in Tromsø and Bodø. For us the exercise was very useful.

On the regional level, we are continuing cooperation between the Nordic countries. 26. September we will arrange a workshop in Luleå Sweden to discuss what will be the main questions to work together with in future. Hospitals and regional authorities will be represented.

1. November *Mr. Valery Peretrukhin*, Minister of Health of the Murmansk Region is visiting Kirkenes to sign a new agreement related to the main agreement of ambulances across the border. This valuable work together bring us closer to a seamless acute service in this area. We look forward to this.

Some focus areas in 2017 are to implement national requirements of patient pathway for cancer patients, reduce differences in access to specialized health services, and developing services to the Sami people.

Developing the hospital structure is a continuous process. Currently a project called "Helgeland Hospital 2025" is developed. Today there are three hospitals at Helgeland in Nordland County, covering a population of about 85000 people. The number of hospitals will probably be reduced in the future.