Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Launching New Long-Term Care Home Investigations Unit

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The Ontario government recently announced a new 10-person investigations unit to investigate allegations of provincial offences under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 (*FLTCA*).

The allegations the investigation unit is tasked with investigating include:

- failing to protect a resident from abuse or neglect
- repeated and ongoing non-compliance
- failing to comply with ministry inspector's orders
- suppressing and/or falsifying mandatory reports
- negligence of corporate directors

The work of the investigations unit is distinct from the work of inspectors under the *FLTCA*. The investigations unit is tasked with determining whether there are grounds indicating an offence has been committed and, where appropriate, recommending enforcement action, including prosecution.

If you have any questions about these new changes, please contact your regular Hicks Morley lawyer.