



NANAIMO ACUTE RESPONSE TABLE (N-ART)

(Situation Table)
2026-FEB-02

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What is a Situation Table?



Comprised of front-line workers from various agencies and sectors



Meet bi-weekly



Share limited information on clients facing elevated levels of risk



Coordinate immediate interventions (within 24-48 hours)

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Who Participates at the N-ART

- ✓ BGC Central Vancouver Island
- ✓ Canadian Mental Health Association – Mid Island
- ✓ **Cedar Woman House**
- ✓ **Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society**
- ✓ City of Nanaimo
- ✓ Community Living BC
- ✓ Connective Society
- ✓ **G.O.A.T Support Services LTD.**
- ✓ Haven Society
- ✓ Island Crisis Care Society
- ✓ Island Health
- ✓ Kw'umut Lelum Child & Family Services
- ✓ Ministry of Children & Family Services
- ✓ Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- ✓ Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- ✓ Nanaimo Association for Community Living
- ✓ Nanaimo Family Life Association
- ✓ Pacifica Housing Advisory Association
- ✓ **Provincial Health Services Authority**
- ✓ RCMP
- ✓ Salvation Army New Hope Centre
- ✓ School District 68
- ✓ Snuneymuxw First Nation
- ✓ Vancouver Island Mental Health Society
- ✓ Vancouver Island University – Criminology Department

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Who does the N-ART Serve?

People Living with *Acutely Elevated Risk*:

- Significant community interest at stake that justifies the sharing of confidential information in order to mitigate risk;
- Probability of harm occurring;
- Significant risk of serious physical or mental harm to themselves or others; and
- Requires support from more than one social agency to reduce risk factors.

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N-ART Referrals Overview

Category	2023	2024	2025
Total Referrals	28	31	40
Female	20	18	21
Male	7	13	19
Families	1	0	0
Top Age Range	30-39 (8 cases)	30-39 / 60-69 (6 cases each)	30-39 (9 cases)
Youth < 24	12	9	11



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Top 3 Risk Factors in 2025

1. Housing – person does not have access to appropriate housing: 85.0%
2. Drugs – drug abuse by person: 47.5%
3. Basic Needs – person is unable to meet own basic needs: 35.0%



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Top 3 Reasons for Closures in 2025

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| 1. Overall risk lowered - connected to services/personal supports: | 55.0% |
| 2. Still AER - Refused services/uncooperative; Informed about services; not yet connected: | 30.0% |
| 3. Other - Relocated: | 12.5% |



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Training New Table Members

Prior to joining the N-ART, all new members complete the following training:

- Continuing Education 0001 – Situation Table Online Course
- In-Person Mock Scenario Training

A total of 37 new table members were trained in 2025



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Recommendation

That Council authorize the Mayor to issue a letter of support for a \$30,000 Supplemental Grant Application to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to fund ongoing training and operational expenses for the Nanaimo Acute Response Table.