

Expert Panel to Develop Health Care Plan for Scarborough and West Durham Region

Helping Local Hospitals Work Together to Deliver Better Integrated Care

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An expert panel has been created to address infrastructure needs as well as improve access and integration of acute health care services in the Scarborough and West Durham region.

At the direction of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, a panel has been struck to develop a plan to address how hospitals in the region can work together to deliver acute health care programs and services in a way that meets the needs of local residents. It will provide recommendations on program and service integration, as well as infrastructure needs.

The group will work in collaboration with the Central East LHIN, other neighbouring LHINs and local health care service providers, including Rouge Valley Health System, The Scarborough Hospital and Lakeridge Health.

[The selected panel](#), to be chaired by Dr. Barry McLellan, has expertise in governance, health system transformation, capacity planning and program integration.

Delivering better coordinated and integrated care in the community is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its ['Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care'](#), providing patients with faster access to the right care, better home and community care, the information they need to live healthy and a health care system that's sustainable for generations to come.

QUOTES

" Improving access and connections in health care is another way we are putting people and patients first. I look forward to the panel's advice, as we work to provide better access to quality health care for the people of Scarborough and West Durham region."

- Dr. Eric Hoskins

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

" The health care sector is undergoing a transformation to address the needs of an aging population, and we need to work together to look at how to best deliver the services that people need. The panel and I look forward to collaborating with all of our partners to develop a plan that

will deliver sustainable health care programs and services for patients."

- Dr. Barry McLellan

Chair of Expert Panel

QUICK FACTS

- The Central East LHIN serves more than 1.4 million residents, representing 11 per cent of Ontario's population.
- The expert panel will build on previous work, including the [Preferred Integration Plan](#) developed by Rouge Valley Health System and The Scarborough Hospital, to identify opportunities to deliver better coordinated and integrated care.

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