

ENSURING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF LAB SERVICES LHIN directs Campbellford Memorial Hospital to develop service model with Peterborough Regional Health Centre

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Today at its March 23rd open meeting, the Board of Directors of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) passed a motion that will now see Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) partnering with the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) to develop a service model for the continued delivery of specific laboratory services including histology/pathology and cytology.

This follows from the December 2015 decision by the LHIN Board not to stop the voluntary integration of similar laboratory services between Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH) and PRHC and RMH's notification to CMH that, as of March 22nd, it would have to end its longstanding Pathology Services Agreement that had seen RMH providing these laboratory services to CMH.

LHIN staff had been working with the leadership of CMH and PRHC to ensure that laboratory services continued to be available after March 22nd and had developed a Memorandum of Understanding ensuring that high quality, accessible services continued to be provided in the Central East LHIN.

While CMH has entered into an agreement for histology/pathology and cytology services with a third party, the LHIN will now support CMH and PRHC through a facilitated integration planning process to develop a model that better promotes integrated systems of care with Health Link communities (sub LHIN regions) as per the LHIN's 2016-2019 Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP 4); is aligned with the Laboratory Services Expert Panel Report and planning for hospital laboratory capacity in geographically proximal areas; recognizes PRHC role as a hub for North East Cluster partner hospitals; and, supports the ongoing focus by the LHIN and its health service providers on the sustainability of laboratory services.

The two hospitals are also directed to seek out input from their stakeholders on the development of an Integration Plan for these laboratory services and submit it to the LHIN Board for review at its September 28, 2016 open board meeting.

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