

HEALTH LINK COMMUNITY PROFILES SUPPORT DECISION MAKING **Allows focused look at needs of population in Central East LHIN's sub-regions**

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The Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) is pleased to announce the publication of its new Central East LHIN Health Link Community Profiles.

A comprehensive environmental scan of demographics, population health, social determinants of health and health system information at the Central East LHIN sub-region level, the profiles ensure that information is now available to support health service providers – clinicians, hospitals, community-based agencies, long-term care homes, primary care providers – along with other community organizations and decision makers to better collaborate in the development of local integrated systems of care.

The environmental scan consists of eight chapters about the Central East LHIN and its seven LHIN sub-regions, recently formalized by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The profiles include information on the location and utilization of health care services in the 97 neighbourhoods across the Central East LHIN. The neighbourhoods are based on definitions already established by the City of Toronto, the Region of Durham and other municipalities in the LHIN's North East Cluster and the 2011 Census.

Each chapter also provides information that can be used by health service providers and decision makers to support the achievement of the Central East LHIN's four strategic aims contained in its Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) related to Seniors, Mental Health and Addictions, Vascular Health and Palliative Care and its direct care priorities. This direct care priorities include supported living environments, health equity, diversity and cultural competency and Health Links and primary care.

QUOTES

“The current publication and ongoing updating of these Health Link or LHIN sub-region community profiles will help the Central East LHIN, our physician leads, our health service providers and other partners to continue to understand and better address patient needs at the local level. By continuing to look at care patterns through a smaller and more local lens, we will be better able to identify and respond to community needs and ensure that patients across the Central East LHIN have access to the care they need, when and where they need it. We're excited to share the current environmental scan and future web-enabled updates as we continue to advance integrated, sustainable systems of care to support people to live healthier at home.”

- Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- The Central East LHIN is comprised of seven sub-regions:
 - [Scarborough North](#)
 - [Scarborough South](#)
 - [Durham West](#)
 - [Durham North East](#)
 - [Northumberland County](#)
 - [Peterborough City and County](#)
 - [Haliburton County and City of Kawartha Lakes](#)
- Based on the 2011 Census, over 1.4 million people live in the Central East region with the highest population being 417,060 people living in Scarborough South and the lowest being 71,200 people living in Northumberland County.
- The community profiles highlight the diversity of the sub-regions by looking at the age profile, education levels, economic conditions of each neighbourhood and mapping that against the location of LHIN-funded health service providers, primary care providers and the utilization of the health care system for conditions such as congestive heart failure, heart attacks, cancer, diabetes and falls.

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the Central East LHIN's seven sub-regions and to download a copy of the eight Central East LHIN Health Link Community Profiles, please visit the Central East LHIN website at <http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/goalsandachievements/healthlinks.aspx>.

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