

**Assisted Living Services at Spruce Corners
to be delivered by Victorian Order of Nurses Canada**

NEWS

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The Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is pleased to announce Victorian Order of Nurses Canada – Ontario Branch (VON) will begin providing Assisted Living Services to residents of Spruce Corners in the Town of Apsley effective November 1, 2017.

Currently provided at Spruce Corners by the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS), Assisted Living Services are services that support high risk seniors to live at home and can include scheduled and non-scheduled personal support, homemaking, security checks and 24/7 reassurance services.

The need to transition the delivery of Assisted Living Services at Spruce Corners to another provider in the community was a result of strategic, organizational changes at the Red Cross in December 2016. As the funder of the program, the Central East LHIN supported CRCS and VON to develop an integration plan to ensure the ongoing seamless delivery of Assisted Living Services to existing and future clients.

At the September 27, 2017 Central East LHIN Board of Directors meeting, the Board passed a motion to not stop the voluntary transfer of the accountability for this service between the two organizations.

QUOTES

“On behalf of the Central East LHIN, I would like to congratulate Victorian Order of Nurses Canada and the Canadian Red Cross Society for collaborating on a voluntary integration that will ensure the ongoing delivery of this vital program to the residents of Spruce Corners. This integration supports the LHIN’s goal of advancing integrated systems of care so that local residents can live healthier at home.”

- Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

“VON is very pleased to begin providing services to the residents of Spruce Corners in Apsley. We are committed to ensuring continued high quality services and to working with the residents and staff to meet their current and emerging needs. Independent living models are a key solution to meet the needs of older adults and the Apsley community has created a unique and successful model that we are honoured to become a part of.”

- Lori Cooper, Regional Executive Director, Home and Community Care, VON Canada - Ontario Branch

QUICK FACTS

- Spruce Corners is an 8-bed supportive housing facility managed by the Peterborough Housing Corporation (PHC).
- Supportive housing programs provide seniors, adults with physical or cognitive disabilities, mental health issues or HIV/AIDS with support and accommodation in specially-designed buildings. Through these supportive housing programs, personal support and/or Assisted Living Services are provided on-site, with staff available to respond 24 hours a day.

- The Central East LHIN provides funding to 18 health service providers to deliver supportive housing programs across the seven Central East sub-regions. Last year these programs provided 2,505 patients with more than 695,000 hours of support to live healthier at home.
- [Victorian Order of Nurses](#) is Canada's largest, national, not-for-profit, charitable home and community care organization. VON offers more than 75 different home care, personal support, and community services to enhance each client's quality of life by providing them with the personal assistance and the support needed to make them comfortable in their own home.

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To learn more about the Central East LHIN's Assisted Living Services please visit

<http://healthcareathome.ca/centraleast/en/Getting-care/Getting-Supported-Living/Assisted-Living>

To learn more about Central East LHIN's Seniors Strategic Aim please visit

<http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/priorities/Seniors.aspx>

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