

Improving Access to Care in Northumberland County

Province and LHIN increasing investments in local health care system

NEWS

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Ontario and the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) are improving access to care in Northumberland County and helping to reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi, along with Central East LHIN Board Member Bonnie St. George and representatives from the Northumberland Hills Hospital, Central East Community Care Access Centre and local Community Support Service Agencies were at Port Hope Community Health Centre to announce an investment of **\$2,626,515** for health care service providers in the LHIN's Northumberland County Community - and an additional investment of **\$15,728,167** for the delivery of home and community care services across all LHIN communities.

In announcing the investment, MPP Rinaldi congratulated the network of health service providers within the Northumberland community who, through enhanced collaboration between their organizations and in partnerships with patients themselves, are achieving the goal of advancing integrated systems of care.

Recently announced in the 2016 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, the new investments from the province for the Northumberland Hills Hospital and Campbellford Memorial Hospital is part of ensuring that all public hospitals in Ontario have received, at a minimum, a two per cent increase to their base funding this year to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities. Today's announcement also highlighted the funding provided through the Pay For Results Program that supports Northumberland Hills Hospital and Campbellford Memorial Hospital to reduce wait times in their emergency departments.

Many community-based health service providers also received increases to their base funding to improve their capacity to continue to support patients to live healthier in their homes. Additional funding is also being provided to VON to address Adult Day Program wait lists and the high demand for Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors.

Funding for a new Palliative Care Community Team was also included in today's announcement. The Palliative Care Community Team is intended to enhance existing palliative expertise through a collaborative model that focuses on opportunities to create a broader, comprehensive, seamless service model. This integrated model will improve accessibility for Northumberland County residents to 24/7 quality palliative care through a variety of program services and supports.

Improving access to health care services is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#), which provides 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 is sustainable for generations to come.

The investment also ensures the delivery of patient care in response to the distinct local needs in the Central East LHIN. The Central East LHIN harnesses local expertise to plan, integrate and fund health care through provincial funding and in partnership with local health service providers.

The investment supports the commitments made in [Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#), Ontario's plan to improve and expand home and community care, and is part of Ontario's increased funding for that sector of more than \$750 million over three years.

QUOTES

"This investment is wonderful news for the network of health care service providers in our community. Topnotch health care is essential to the well-being of our patients and their families. I am pleased to see the work being done to ensure residents in Northumberland County receive the quality health care and hospital facilities they deserve."

– Lou Rinaldi, MPP Northumberland-Quinte West

"Today's investments will continue to support the health service providers in the Central East LHIN's Northumberland County community to provide ongoing access to health care services. Together, the LHIN, its hospitals, community-based health service providers, long-term care homes, primary care providers and other partners are working to ensure that local residents are cared for by an integrated system of care so that they can live healthier at home."

— Louis O'Brien, Chair, Board of Directors, Central East LHIN

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- [Patients First: Action Plan For Health Care](#)
- [Central East LHIN Integrated Health Service Plan](#)
- [Central East LHIN Open Board Meeting – September 28, 2016](#)

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BACKGROUNDER

Ontario and the Central East LHIN is providing an additional **\$\$2,626,515** to health service providers in the LHIN's Northumberland County Community to support improved access to care, to help reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Organization	Description	Amount
<i>Across all Central East LHIN communities</i>		
Central East Community Care Access Centre	Expanded Services Provision for High Needs Clients, Caregiver Respite Services, Health System Funding Reform, Behavioural Supports Ontario	\$15,728,167
<i>Across all Northumberland County Community</i>		
Northumberland Hills Hospital and Campbellford Memorial Hospital	Additional funding provided to hospitals in Northumberland County to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities	NHH - \$916,700 CMH - \$136,900
	Emergency Department Pay for Results funding to support hospitals to meet specific ER wait time reduction targets	NHH - \$600,700 CMH - \$125,000
<i>Community Investments to improve the capacity of organizations in Northumberland County to address emerging needs</i>		
Alderville First Nation		\$765
Branch 133, Legion Village		\$11,547
Northumberland Hills Hospital		\$35,436
The Canadian Red Cross		\$1,850
<i>Community Investments to support a new Palliative Care Community Team</i>		
Community Care Northumberland		\$350,000
<i>Community Investments to support advancing integrated systems of care and improved access for patients</i>		
Campbellford Memorial Hospital		\$17,377
Northumberland Hills Hospital		\$35,436
Port Hope Community Health Centre		\$38,521
<i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Adult Day Programs</i>		
VON		\$62,760
<i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors</i>		
VON		\$43,358
<i>Community Investments to support the recruitment and retention of staff at inter-professional primary care organizations</i>		
Port Hope Community Health Centre		\$120,300
<i>Community investments to provide additional nursing support for the delivery of Behavioural Supports Ontario initiatives</i>		
Extendicare Port Hope		\$49,881
Golden Plough Lodge		\$79,984
Northumberland Hospital and Community investments		\$2,626,515