

Improving Access to Care in Peterborough

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 Peterborough City and County and helping to reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal, along with Central East LHIN Board Member Glenn Rogers and representatives from Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Central East Community Care Access Centre and local Community Support Service Agencies were at Hospice Peterborough to announce an investment of \$3,099,296 for health care service providers in the LHIN's Peterborough 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 Leal congratulated the network of health service providers within the Peterborough 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 investment from the province for the Peterborough Regional Health Centre 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 the Peterborough Regional Health Centre to reduce wait times in its 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 Peterborough 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, coordinate 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 Peterborough City and County receive the quality health care and hospital facilities they deserve."

– Jeff Leal, MPP Peterborough

"Today's investments will continue to support the health service providers in the Central East LHIN's Peterborough 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 \$3,099,296 to health service providers in the LHIN’s Peterborough 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 Peterborough Community</i>		
Peterborough Regional Health Centre	Additional funding provided to the hospital in Peterborough to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities	\$489,000
	Emergency Department Pay for Results funding to support hospitals to meet specific ER wait time reduction targets	\$1,753,400
<i>Community Investments to improve the capacity of organizations in Peterborough to address emerging needs</i>		
Alzheimer Society		\$4,139
Community Care Peterborough		\$12,469
Four Counties Addiction Services Team		\$28,157
Four Counties Brain Injury		\$7,849
Hospice Peterborough		\$3,947
Kawartha Participation Projects		\$54,005
Lovesick Lake Women’s Association		\$738
Peterborough Regional Health Centre		\$30,242
St. John’s Retirement Home		\$6,662
The Canadian Hearing Society		\$6,604
<i>Community Investments to support a new Palliative Care Community Team</i>		
Hospice Peterborough		\$350,000
<i>Community Investments to support advancing integrated systems of care and improved access for patients</i>		
Four Counties Addiction Services Team		\$28,157
Hospice Peterborough		\$3,947
Peterborough Regional Health Centre		\$30,242
<i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Adult Day Programs</i>		
VON		\$20,920
<i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors</i>		
VON		\$268,818
Peterborough Hospital and Community investments		\$3,099,296