

## Improving Access to Care in Scarborough

*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 Scarborough and helping to reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Scarborough Guildwood MPP Mitzie Hunter, along with Central East LHIN Board Chair Louis O'Brien and representatives from the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital, Central East Community Care Access Centre and local Community Support Service Agencies were at Momiji Health Care Society to announce an investment of \$8,424,026 for health care service providers in the LHIN's Scarborough communities – Scarborough North and Scarborough South - 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 Hunter and Board Chair O'Brien congratulated the network of health service providers within the Scarborough communities 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 Scarborough and Rouge 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 the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital 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 several health service providers to address Adult Day Program wait lists and the high demand for Assisted Living services for High Risk Seniors.

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 healthcare service providers in the LHIN's Scarborough communities – Scarborough North, Scarborough South and right here in Scarborough-Guildwood. Topnotch healthcare is essential to the well-being of our patients and their families, thus I am pleased to see the work being done to ensure residents from Scarborough-Guildwood and Scarborough as a whole receive the quality healthcare and hospital facilities they deserve.”

– Mitzie Hunter, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood

“Today's investments will continue to support the health service providers in the Central East LHIN's Scarborough North and Scarborough South communities 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

### LEARN MORE

- [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 \$8,440,254 to health service providers in the LHIN's Scarborough communities – Scarborough North and Scarborough South - 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
<b><i>Across all Central East LHIN communities</i></b>		
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
<b><i>Across all Scarborough communities</i></b>		
Scarborough and Rouge Hospital	Additional funding provided to hospitals in Scarborough to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities	\$2,421,240
	Emergency Department Pay for Results funding to support hospitals to meet specific ER wait time reduction targets	\$3,896,672
<b><i>Community Investments to improve the capacity of organizations in Scarborough communities to address emerging needs</i></b>		
Chinese Family Services of Ontario		\$2,454
Centre for Immigrant and Community Services		\$1,021
Carefirst Seniors		\$46,926
Hong Fook Mental Health		\$24,634
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux		\$40,140
Yee Hong		\$30,787
CMHA Toronto		\$3,331
Les Centres D'Accueil Heritage		\$611
Momiji		\$9,674
Participation House		\$5,021
Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto		\$11,031
Scarborough and Rouge Hospital		\$79,475
TAIBU		\$28,480
<b><i>Community Investments to support increased client acuity</i></b>		
Momiji		\$174,418
<b><i>Community Investments to support advancing integrated systems of care and improved access for patients</i></b>		
Carefirst		\$46,926
Hong Fook		\$24,634
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux		\$40,140
Transcare		\$31,562
Yee Hong		\$30,788
Momiji		\$9,674
Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto		\$11,031
Scarborough Centre for Health Communities		\$86,564
TAIBU		\$28,480
TSH		\$48,669

<b><i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Adult Day Programs</i></b>	
Carefirst	\$25,104
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux	\$41,840
Yee Hong	\$20,920
Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities	\$16,736
<b><i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors</i></b>	
Carefirst	\$235,812
Yee Hong	\$235,302
VON	\$125,738
<b><i>Community Investments to support the recruitment and retention of staff at inter-professional primary care organizations</i></b>	
Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities	\$205,800
TAIBU	\$78,100
<b><i>Community investments to provide additional nursing support for the delivery of Behavioural Supports Ontario initiatives</i></b>	
Yee Hong	\$67,782
The Wexford	\$68,660
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux	\$83,924
Carefirst	\$83,925
<b>Scarborough Hospital and Community investments</b>	<b>\$8,424,026</b>