



### **NEW FUNDING FOR CAMPBELLFORD TO CARE FOR SENIORS Program helps patients regain strength after illness and return home**

#### **NEWS**

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New funding for the Campbellford Memorial Hospital is on its way to ensure that local seniors, who have been hospitalized for an illness and are getting well, have additional supports to regain their strength and can return home quickly and safely.

An 8 to 10 bed “Assess and Restore” program, to get underway early in the new year, is expected to provide care for up to 200 patients a year and will include specially trained nurses, physiotherapists, social workers and occupational therapists. The program will also be partnered with the local office of the Central East Community Care Access Centre and Community Care Northumberland to ensure that patients are linked to services in the community to support their return home.

Funding of \$262,700 a year was approved by the Board of the Central East LHIN at a recent board meeting and the hospital is now beginning the process of implementing the new program.

#### **QUOTES**

“When I visited the Campbellford Memorial Hospital, I was impressed by the dedication and compassionate care that the physicians, staff and volunteers provide to the people of the Campbellford area. I am pleased that the LHIN is partnering with the local hospital and CCAC to support the new Assess and Restore program. This program will help ensure seniors receive quality care and will enable them to successfully transition back home.”

- Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“This new program at the Campbellford Memorial Hospital is very similar to programs that we have supported at other hospitals in our LHIN in Ajax, Scarborough, Cobourg, Lindsay and Peterborough. Ensuring that our health service providers are working together and sharing information on the best ways to meet the care needs of local seniors is a key priority for the LHIN.”

- Wayne Gladstone, Chair, Central East LHIN Board of Directors

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“Starting this type of program had been identified as a priority by our staff and our board because we know that it will help us to provide even better care for our older patients. By linking this new program with our ongoing Home First partnership with the Central East Community Care Access Centre and Community Care Northumberland, we are confident that we can provide better patient care while meeting our Alternate Level of Care targets and improving our emergency department wait times.”

- Derek Nice, Board Chair, Campbellford Memorial Hospital

“Serving as a ‘senior friendly hospital’ is a key priority for Campbellford Memorial Hospital and we recognize the region’s growing aging population must be well served by a hospital that is geared to the needs of older people. The Assess and Restore program is another example where our team of professionals can demonstrate their passion and drive for excellent care, while ensuring our patients have the additional support they require to return home quickly and safely.”

- Jan Raine, Chief Nursing Officer, Campbellford Memorial Hospital

### QUICK FACTS

- Campbellford Memorial Hospital is a 34-bed Acute Care Hospital
- At the present time the hospital’s Alternate Level of Care (ALC) rates range between 30-50%
- This is a measurement of the number of patients who have recovered from their acute illness and are now waiting in hospital for placement in a long-term care home or to be discharged home with community supports
- The implementation of the new “Assess and Restore” program will ensure that patients are better supported during their hospitalization to regain their strength and return home safely
- One of the goals of the “Assess and Restore” program is to reduce Campbellford’s ALC rate to less than 25%

### LEARN MORE

For more information on the provincial and Central East LHIN approach to caring for seniors, please click on [“Caring for our Aging Population and Addressing Alternate Level of Care”](#) and [“Creating an Integrated Health Care Experience for Central East LHIN Seniors.”](#)

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