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Integration of hospice services in Northumberland to ensure access

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Representatives from three local agencies in Northumberland County are meeting over the summer to develop a plan to integrate hospice services. Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore, Palliative Care Campbellford and Community Care Northumberland, in partnership with the Central East LHIN, are working together on a plan that will result in hospice services being integrated into Community Care Northumberland's basket of services. The goal is to have the integration plans completed and reviewed by the respective boards and begin implementation in early fall.

Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore and Palliative Care Campbellford have partnered with the LHIN to find a way to continue providing these important services after a review of the agencies' operations revealed the potential to streamline operations and deliver services more effectively. The LHIN asked Community Care Northumberland to be part of the integration because of their local expertise in delivering other community support services to the residents of Northumberland County.

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"We know that this is a challenging time for our clients, our staff and our volunteers," said Jim Wrigley, Executive Director, Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore. "But we are focused on continuing to meet our clients' needs as we work through this integration."

"Integrating hospice services between the three agencies is a logical step in the history of our organizations," said Jim Scott, Board Member, Palliative Care Campbellford. "It ensures that services continue to be available, close to home, in the most efficient and cost effective way possible."

"It will be important to share information with our organizations and our communities as we work through this process," said Trish Baird, Executive Director, Community Care Northumberland. "Input on what the redesigned service should look like will help to guide the planning team over the summer."

"Hospice services, along with other community support services, are best supported by local organizations," said Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN. "We are confident that as a result of this integration the residents of Northumberland will continue to have access to the hospice support that they need."

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Please visit the Central East LHIN website – Resource Documents/Integration – for updates on this integration. - <http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca/Page.aspx?id=96>

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