



CENTRAL EAST LHIN STATEMENT THIRD PARTY REVIEW OF TSH/TEGH ALLIANCE

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The Board of Directors and the staff of the Central East LHIN are committed to the LHIN organization's mission to lead the creation of a sustainable healthcare system that ensures better health, better care and better value for money. This mission is supported by the organization's dedication to community engagement, evidence-supported decision-making, integration and innovation. This same commitment and dedication is also expected of the over 170 LHIN-funded organizations that provide health care for the residents of the Central East LHIN.

The LHIN applauds the efforts of health service providers in exploring opportunities to improve patient care, generate efficiencies and ensure the sustainability of the public health care system. This includes the recent Alliance discussions between The Scarborough Hospital and The Toronto East General Hospital which led to the development of a third party report commissioned by the hospitals entitled "Report of the Third Party Review: Considering the Value Proposition and the Potential Challenges of Moving Forward."

Staff from the Central East LHIN have now completed a preliminary review of the report following its release by The Scarborough Hospital on Friday, February 24th.

The intent of the LHIN's review was to provide feedback on the processes related to the identification of integration opportunities, which will lead to improved care for Central East LHIN residents. The identification of these types of opportunities is a legislative requirement of the LHINs and all health service providers.

The Central East LHIN's review of the report has found several process deficiencies that should be corrected in any future integration discussions. These deficiencies include the need to provide a transparent explanation of the vision, aims and scope of an integration, a clear understanding of the benefits of an integration for the community and an appropriate community engagement plan.

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The report makes a number of observations related to the financial sustainability of The Scarborough Hospital that are not substantiated by evidence or data previously submitted by the hospital to the LHIN which will require some clarification by the hospital.

On Friday, February 24th, The Scarborough Hospital indicated that they would not be pursuing an integration with Toronto East General as per decisions made by their respective Board of Directors.

In light of this decision, and based on the LHIN staff review of the third party report, the Central East LHIN has now followed up with The Scarborough Hospital to ensure it will achieve its performance goals, including financial sustainability, enhanced access and improved quality.

The Scarborough Hospital will be making a presentation at the Central East LHIN's March 28th Board meeting outlining its plans to move forward.

Public discussions on how to improve health care can be challenging. However, with a commitment to due diligence – including community engagement, innovation and the use of the best available information – we are confident that change, which will benefit health care clients and their health care providers, is possible. We look forward to continuing that conversation, engaging in action, and achieving these outcomes for the residents of the Central East LHIN.

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