



## HOSPITALS WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP CLINICAL SERVICE PLANS

Central East LHIN to receive report in February 2009

### NEWS

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Hospital leaders from across the Central East LHIN are working together to ensure that patients have access to an integrated hospital system.

Clinical advisory teams, with representation from each of the nine community hospitals in the LHIN, have been meeting since the summer to develop service plans for five specific areas including cardiac services; vascular services; maternal, child and youth services; mental health and addictions services; and, thoracic services.

Their recommendations will be included in a Clinical Service Plan report to be presented to the Central East LHIN Board of Directors in February 2009.

### QUOTES

“Currently our patients don’t have the appropriate access to these services,” said Dr. George Buldo, Chief of Medicine at Lakeridge Health and Chair of the Clinical Services Planning Steering Committee. “We need to make improvements now so we can deal with the population growth, financial challenges, shortage of trained health care professionals and technological advances that face us now and in the future.”

“The Clinical Services Planning Project is a complex undertaking,” said James Meloche, Senior Director of Planning, Integration and Community Engagement for the Central East LHIN and the Project Sponsor. “It will require the commitment of hospitals, local government and community leaders to work together so that patients have better access to the highest quality of services.”

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### QUICK FACTS

- Over 150 hospital leaders – including front line clinical managers, nursing leaders, physicians, senior administrators – are currently participating in this project
- The Central East LHIN is comprised of 9 hospital corporations (across 14 sites), 6 Community Health Centres, 10 Family Health Teams, 68 Long Term Care facilities, the Central East Community Care Access Centre (with 7 branches) and over one hundred community support service agencies and mental health services.

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