

## Central East LHIN Seeking Community Members New Patient and Family Advisory Committee Being Established

### NEWS

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The Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) is seeking community members to participate in the new Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC).

Patients and their family/caregivers who live within the Central East LHIN's [geographic region](#) are encouraged to complete and submit an [Expression of Interest](#) for consideration as a member of the Central East LHIN Patient and Family Advisory Committee.

Since its inception, the Central East LHIN has recognized the value of listening to the voices of patients and their family/caregivers. Taking action on the lived experience of patients and their family/caregivers has resulted in the establishment of new programs, improvements to existing services and, when warranted, the re-design or re-assignment of accountability for services.

The PFAC will serve as a forum for dialogue among community members as they advise the Central East LHIN on issues and perspectives related to health system goals and objectives.

An effective patient and family advisory committee will reflect the diversity of the people and the communities within the Central East LHIN. A diverse committee will ensure that discussions will reflect and respond to a broad range of lived experiences.

The development of the PFAC will take into consideration the key proposals that have been outlined in the Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care.

The PFAC is intended to establish relationships that will promote engagement and communication between patients, their friends and families and the LHIN, leading to improved patient and health system outcomes.

### QUOTES

"The Central East LHIN believes that when people are actively involved in managing their own health and wellness, as well as creating their own health care and community solutions, they will live healthier lives in healthier communities. By joining the Patient and Family Advisory Committee, individuals have a chance to be part of changes that can benefit everyone who uses health care services in the Central East LHIN."

- Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

### QUICK FACTS

- The [Draft Terms of Reference](#) and [Expression of Interest](#) can be found on the Central East LHIN's website.
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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