

Improving Access to Care in Durham Region

Province and LHIN increasing investments in local health care system

NEWS

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Ontario and the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) are improving access to care in Durham Region and helping to reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Durham MPP Granville Anderson and colleagues Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson and Pickering-Scarborough East MPP Tracy MacCharles, along with Central East LHIN Board Member Bonnie St. George and representatives from Lakeridge Health, Central East Community Care Access Centre and local Community Support Service Agencies were at the Bowmanville site of the Community Care Durham Adult Day Program at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex to announce an investment of **\$6,547,852** for health care service providers in the LHIN's Durham Communities – Durham North East and Durham West - and an additional investment of **\$15,728,167** for the delivery of home and community care services across all LHIN communities.

In announcing the investment, MPP Anderson congratulated the network of health service providers within Durham Region who, through enhanced collaboration between their organizations and in partnerships with patients themselves, are achieving the goal of advancing integrated systems of care.

Recently announced in the 2016 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, the new investment from the province for Lakeridge Health is part of ensuring that all public hospitals in Ontario have received, at a minimum, a two per cent increase to their base funding this year to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities. Today's announcement also highlighted the funding provided through the Pay For Results Program that supports Lakeridge Health to reduce wait times in its emergency departments.

Many community-based health service providers also received increases to their base funding to improve their capacity to continue to support patients to live healthier in their homes. Additional funding is also being provided to community-based health service providers to address Adult Day Program wait lists and the high demand for Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors.

Funding for a new Palliative Care Community Team was also included in today's announcement. The Palliative Care Community Team is intended to enhance existing palliative expertise through a collaborative model that focuses on opportunities to create a broader, comprehensive, seamless service model. This integrated model will improve accessibility for Durham residents to 24/7 quality palliative care through a variety of program services and supports.

Improving access to health care services is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#), which provides patients with faster access to the right care; better home and community care; the information they need to live healthy; and a health care system that is sustainable for generations to come.

The investment also ensures the delivery of patient care in response to the distinct local needs in the Central East LHIN. The Central East LHIN harnesses local expertise to plan, integrate and fund health care through provincial funding and in partnership with local health service providers.

The investment supports the commitments made in [Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#), Ontario's plan to improve and expand home and community care, and is part of Ontario's increased funding for that sector of more than \$750 million over three years.

QUOTES

"This investment is wonderful news for the network of health care service providers in our community. Topnotch health care is essential to the well-being of our patients and their families, I am pleased to see the work being done to ensure residents in Durham Region receive the quality health care and hospital facilities they deserve."

– Granville Anderson, MPP Durham

"The Region of Durham has a very diverse network of health care service providers, and I am very happy to see the Ontario government investing further in their services. These investments will also continue to benefit my constituents of Ajax-Pickering, as they access our health care system under the Durham umbrella."

– Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering

This investment is part of the Ontario Government's commitment to putting Patients First. Today's funding announcement improves access to care and reduces wait times for the residents of Durham Region. This investment ensures that our community has the services and supports to help patients stay healthier and in their own homes.

– Tracy MacCharles, MPP Pickering – Scarborough East

"Today's investments will continue to support the health service providers in the Central East LHIN's Durham communities – Durham North East and Durham West to provide ongoing access to health care services. Together, the LHIN, its hospitals, community-based health service providers, long-term care homes, primary care providers and other partners are working to ensure that local residents are cared for by an integrated system of care so that they can live healthier at home."

— Louis O'Brien, Chair, Board of Directors, Central East LHIN

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- [Patients First: Action Plan For Health Care](#)
- [Central East LHIN Integrated Health Service Plan](#)
- [Central East LHIN Open Board Meeting – September 28, 2016](#)

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BACKGROUNDER

Ontario and the Central East LHIN is providing an additional **\$6,547,852** to health service providers in the LHIN’s Durham communities – Durham North East and Durham West to support improved access to care, to help reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Organization	Description	Amount
<i>Across all Central East LHIN communities</i>		
Central East Community Care Access Centre	Expanded Services Provision for High Needs Clients, Caregiver Respite Services, Health System Funding Reform, Behavioural Supports Ontario	\$15,728,167
<i>Across all Durham Region</i>		
Lakeridge Health	Additional funding provided to hospitals in Durham Region to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities	\$1,595,460
	Emergency Department Pay for Results funding to support hospitals to meet specific ER wait time reduction targets	\$2,592,028
<i>Community Investments to improve the capacity of organizations in Durham Region to address emerging needs</i>		
Alzheimer Society of Durham Region		\$14,981
Brain Injury Association of Durham Region		\$7,189
Community Care Durham		\$111,935
Canadian Mental Health Association Durham		\$66,730
Lakeridge Health		\$134,339
Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre		\$10,623
VON		\$60,211
March of Dimes Canada		\$12,721
Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences		\$10,145
Personal Attendant Care		\$44,479
Regional Municipality of Durham		\$6,631
<i>Community Investments to support a new Palliative Care Community Team</i>		
VON Durham Hospice		\$350,000
<i>Community Investments to support the recruitment and retention of staff at inter-professional primary care organizations</i>		
Carea Community Health Centre		\$220,200
Brock Community Health Centre		\$88,800
<i>Community Investments to support advancing integrated systems of care and improved access for patients</i>		
Alzheimer Society of Durham Region		\$14,981
Brain Injury Association of Durham Region		\$7,189
Community Care Durham		\$111,935
Canadian Mental Health Association Durham		\$66,730
Lakeridge Health		\$118,113
Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre		\$10,623

Durham Mental Health Services	\$97,448
Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences	\$10,145
<i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Adult Day Programs</i>	
Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre	\$154,800
<i>Community Investments to provide additional capacity in Assisted Living Services for High Risk Seniors</i>	
Community Care Durham	\$265,062
VON	\$13,007
<i>Community investments to provide additional nursing support for the delivery of Behavioural Supports Ontario initiatives</i>	
Extendicare Oshawa	\$69,893
Glen Hill Strathaven	\$67,500
Hillsdale Terrace	\$80,028
Lakeview Manor	\$66,963
Fairview Lodge	\$66,963
Durham Region Hospital and Community investments	\$6,547,852