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## **HOSPITALS TO ATTEND JOINT MEETING HOSTED BY CE LHIN** *Hospital leaders to identify common themes that are impacting operating budgets*

Administrative and clinical leaders from the eight hospital corporations in the Central East area will be meeting on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss some of the shared financial pressures each organization is facing as they strive to provide safe, quality care to the residents of Scarborough, Durham Region, Peterborough City and County, Northumberland/Havelock, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton/Minden.

"The October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a forum for all participants to come together to put the common themes openly on the table," said Nizar Ladak, Senior Director Performance, Contracts and Allocation for the Central East LHIN. "The goal is to identify short-term and long-term issues, to help determine why they occurred and to find solutions."

Hospitals across Ontario are currently preparing Hospital Annual Planning Submissions (HAPS) which they will submit to their Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) at the end of November. In preparing HAPS each organization has to look at service planning, measurement and evaluation of health services and organization performance.

These HAPS documents are integral to the development of Health Service Accountability Agreements (H-SAA) which each hospital will negotiate with their LHIN by April 1, 2008 and which form the basis of a multi-year funding and planning framework.

"Central East hospitals are also required to share their HAPS documents with community residents and other stakeholders before the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline and many have met this requirement" added Ladak. "This type of community engagement and involvement ensures that local residents are involved in the healthcare planning process."

For more information on the Hospital Annual Planning Submission process, please visit the Central East LHIN website – [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) – and click on the Resource Documents/Accountability button.

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The Central East LHIN, which recently released its first Integrated Health Service Plan, is one of 14 not-for-profit organizations, created by the provincial government to be responsible for planning, integrating and funding local health services - hospitals, long term care facilities, community care access centres, community health centres, community support services and mental health and addictions agencies.

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