

## Residential hospice planning in the South West LHIN – Update

The South West LHIN continues to work with the South West Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee and local Hospice Palliative Care Collaboratives to advance a unified approach towards establishing residential hospice capacity for each sub-region within the LHIN. To date, this approach has included ongoing engagement with key partners and communities.

The Grey Bruce, Huron Perth and Elgin sub-regions were identified as priority areas for residential hospice planning in both the July 2015 South West Hospice Palliative Care Capacity Report and the November 2016 Capacity Report Refresh. A toolkit for residential hospice planning is being developed to support future planning at the sub-region level.

The South West LHIN is relying on advice from the South West Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee and local collaboratives to inform the planning and development of Residential Hospice capacity as part of an integrated system of hospice palliative care in the LHIN. The responsibility for final decisions related to the siting of hospice palliative care beds and the associated funding rests with the South West LHIN Board of Directors.

### Decision Making Process

1. The Residential Hospice Sub-Committee **introduces** a proposal for the sub-region. The sub-committee is made up of health service providers, clinicians, community group members, patients and families. It is co-chaired by a member of the Collaborative.
2. The Local Hospice Palliative Care Collaborative reviews the proposal and ensures guiding principles have been followed. They apply a decision-making framework to consider the proposal and determine if it should be **endorsed** and forwarded to the Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee. Collaborative members are selected locally, approved regionally and include health service providers, patients, families and community members. The Executive Lead is appointed by the LHIN.
3. The Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee reviews the submission, confirms due diligence has been followed, and ensures the approach aligns to the overall vision for hospice palliative care. If the proposal is supported, the Committee will **recommend** that LHIN staff move the proposal forward to the South West LHIN Board of Directors. Committee members are LHIN-appointed and include Collaborative Leads, regional program and key sector representation.
4. LHIN Staff introduce the proposal and draft motion to the LHIN Board.
5. The LHIN Board reviews the proposal and recommendation from the Leadership Committee. The LHIN Board will take this recommendation into consideration as the Board determines whether it will **approve** the proposal in principle and indicate that implementation planning should continue pending confirmation of funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

## Sub-region updates

### **Grey Bruce**

- The Grey Bruce Residential Hospice Planning Subcommittee continues to work with local communities to identify a Grey Bruce solution for future residential hospice capacity in order to meet the needs of both Grey and Bruce counties.
- It is anticipated that funding will be available for four additional residential hospice beds for the area to complement the existing centralized residential hospice bed resources (8 funded beds) located in Owen Sound.

### **Huron Perth**

- It is anticipated that funding will be available for 10 beds in the Huron Perth area but decisions **have not** yet been made about where residential hospice beds will be located in the sub-region.
- Many communities in Huron and Perth recognize the importance of this service, and we appreciate the hard work of community members who have come together to advance planning for residential hospice services and to provide the LHIN with advice.
- Decisions related to residential hospice development and funding are the responsibility of the South West LHIN Board.
- One of the key decision making criteria for the LHIN will be the extent to which the recommended bed location(s) optimize access to residential hospice services within the sub-region.
- A commissioned report was completed to inform a Huron Perth solution for residential hospice.
- The report offers a proposal for residential hospice in Huron Perth that is unified and maximizes access in a sustainable way without compromising quality.
- The report identifies a proposed solution to meet the needs of residents and families in Huron and Perth and includes a governance model and fundraising model.
- The Huron Perth Hospice Palliative Care Collaborative endorsed the report on November 23, 2016, and the Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee will review the report in December.
- The leadership committee will review the proposal and decide if it will recommend LHIN staff move the proposal to the South West LHIN Board.
- Subject to recommendation from the leadership committee, the proposal will be brought to South West LHIN Board meeting in early 2017.
- Funding will be allocated on a per bed basis. Capital funding and any annual operating funding shortfalls over and above the per bed allocation are not covered by LHIN funding.
- It is anticipated that the new Residential Hospice beds will be open and operational no later than March 31, 2018.

### **Elgin**

- The Elgin Residential Hospice Subcommittee is partnering with the St. Joseph's Healthcare Society and is planning to initiate a Request for Proposals process in 2017 to complete a feasibility study for residential hospice capacity to support Elgin County.

## Resources

- [Communique 1 and background on residential hospice development in the LHIN](#)

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