

Residential hospice planning in the South West LHIN – Update

Residential Hospice is an important element in the Hospice Palliative Care continuum of care and key to ensuring that a range of supports are available to enable individuals to die in their place of choice. Residential hospice beds are being planned by the LHIN to be part of an integrated system that includes a range of services to support individuals and families throughout their palliative journey, regardless of their place of death.

Residential hospice is a specialized resource and as such, residential hospice beds will not be located in every community within the LHIN. As a multi-community service, implementation plans will ensure that as many people as possible in the South West LHIN will have access to residential hospice services within a reasonable travel distance from their homes.

The South West LHIN and its partners are committed to transparent planning and decision making throughout this process. The LHIN will continue to keep all stakeholders engaged and included in this important work.

Sub-region updates

Grey Bruce

- The Grey Bruce Residential Hospice Planning Subcommittee has developed a discussion document that summarizes the perspectives of communities interested in furthering residential hospice capacity to support Grey Bruce. The model being explored builds on the existing Owen Sound location and includes the addition of a satellite in Bruce County.
- The subcommittee will continue their review and the discussion document will be shared with the Grey Bruce Hospice Palliative Care Collaborative in March or April 2017.
- Collaborative members presented to the Bruce County Council on February 2, 2017, providing information on hospice palliative care across the South West LHIN and local hospice planning.

Huron Perth

- At its February 21, 2017 meeting, the South West LHIN Board of Directors made the decision to support a two-site residential hospice in Huron Perth with six beds in Stratford and four beds in Central Huron.
- The unified solution for Residential Hospice in Huron Perth that was supported by the board was based, in part, on the business plan prepared by Lough Barnes on behalf of the Huron Perth Hospice Palliative Care Collaborative.
- The LHIN Board considered the best available data, evidence and best practices to inform its decision. The Board also relied on significant planning input and feedback from key partners and communities, as well as advice from the Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee and a recommendation from LHIN staff.
- Consultation has been an important part of the decision making process. In addition to stakeholder feedback obtained through the work of the Lough Barnes Report, meetings were held with two groups of representatives from Huron County on Friday, January 13, 2017 to receive an overview of residential hospice planning activities completed to date in Central Huron and in Exeter. A follow-up meeting with all representatives including those from Perth County to discuss collaboration opportunities was hosted by LHIN Board representatives and staff on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.
- The chosen model maximizes access to residential hospice services and ensures a reasonable travel time for all residents in Huron Perth; minimizes operating costs; increases quality of care; allows for better management oversight; and increases caregiver expertise through concentration of care.

- Now that a decision has been made, LHIN staff will be contacting community representatives, elected officials, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as well as Hospice Palliative Care Ontario to discuss the decision and next steps.
- Existing community stakeholder groups that have been supporting planning for the unified residential hospice model in Huron Perth will continue to move forward with implementation and be supported by an advisory/leadership team and working groups that will be established. It is anticipated that the new residential hospice beds in Huron Perth will be operational no later than March 31, 2018.

Elgin

- With the aim of completing a plan for residential hospice, the Elgin Residential Hospice Planning Subcommittee has posted a request for proposals. Residential Hospice candidates will be interviewed in March 2017.
- This study will inform a report identifying a model for residential hospice in Elgin that will:
 - recommend geographic locations for residential hospice beds to best meet the needs of the sub-region and ensure a sustainable, operating model that can meet provincial and LHIN requirements;
 - support designing a service delivery model based on best practices;
 - identify willing partners and communities; and
 - assess the local capacity for capital and annual fundraising to determine the operational sustainability of the model.
- Collaborative members presented to Elgin County Council and the City of St. Thomas in February 2017, providing information on the future state for integrated hospice palliative care across the South West LHIN including local residential hospice planning.

Resources

- [Background on residential hospice development in the LHIN \(Includes Communique 1, 2, and 3\)](#)

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