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South East LHIN and partners seeking region-wide public input on health care services

Online and in-person community engagement sessions to be held

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News

The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and its health care partners today launched a public engagement process to encourage residents from across the region to help guide the future of health care in their communities.

The perspectives and input gathered throughout the process will inform the South East LHIN's fourth Integrated Health Services Plan – *Health Care Tomorrow*, and provides an opportunity for community input on specific hospital services and regional services more broadly.

Community engagement for the IHSP and on hospital services in your region will offer multiple opportunities for the public, health service providers, and other partners to get involved. Open house events will offer a chance for the public to gather information about health care in the region and provide input to the South East LHIN. An online survey will also be available by [clicking here](#), beginning May 1st through till May 29th. Paper copies of the survey can be made available on request. Please contact Caitlin den Boer, Communications Lead at the South East LHIN at 613.967.0196 ext. 2240, should you require a copy.

To find out about an open house near you and to learn more about health care projects in your region, please visit our dedicated Health Care Tomorrow website at www.healthcaretomorrow.ca and follow the link on the home page.

The South East LHIN relies on information gathered through community engagement, to make decisions about health system transformation, health service delivery, and funding allocations. IHSP4 – *Health Care Tomorrow* will define the activities of the South East LHIN and local health providers for the three-year period from April 2016 to March 2019 with the goal to ensure that individuals have better access to the most appropriate health services focused on their needs. IHSP4 – *Health Care Tomorrow* will build on previous opportunities that were identified in IHSP3 - *Better Integration, Better Health Care*.

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Quotes

“Health Care Tomorrow begins with the public input of today. As we begin this major consultation process of engaging the citizens across the catchment area, I encourage everyone to participate in the survey process to help shape how health care services are delivered at Trenton Memorial Hospital and throughout the community.”

- **Lou Rinaldi, MPP., Northumberland-Quinte West**

“The South East LHIN is committed to ensuring that the patient voice is a driving force behind the work that we do. Listening to our residents and understanding their health care needs is an important step in our journey to improve the patient experience through quality, integration and value.”

- **Paul Huras, CEO South East LHIN**

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