

VON selected to implement Assisted Living Services in the South East

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Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Canada -Ontario Branch , has emerged as the successful provider for the implementation of Assisted Living Services for High-Risk Seniors (ALSHRS) in the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

The organization, which currently provides assisted living services in the Central East LHIN, is expected to leverage this experience to initiate three ALSHRS hubs in Belleville, Kingston and Brockville by October, 2014. Each of these hubs will provide services to at least 30 seniors.

VON will work in collaboration with the South East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), for the determination of patient eligibility, initial assessment of requirements, and waitlist management.

The investment, which represents the first phase of the implementation of assisted living services in South East, will enhance the ability of seniors in the region to maintain their independence while remaining in their homes for as long as possible. These services will address the needs of individuals who reside at home and require the availability of personal support and homemaking services on a 24-hour basis.

Providing better care for seniors and strengthening home care services in the South East is part of the LHIN's Integrated Health Services Plan, *Better Integration, Better Health Care and aligns with the Government's [Action Plan for Health Care](#)* and its commitment to provide Ontarians with the right care, at the right time, and in the right place.

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"As we age, we all want to know that we can do so with dignity, safety and peace of mind in the knowledge we have options to access vital senior services. Today's announcement is particularly welcome news for those seniors in the high risk category. This is a key step in providing vitally needed services."

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

"We are pleased to partner on this innovative approach to care that adds value for the communities we serve and demonstrates how the health system adapts to our changing patient profile. This partnership will enable eligible patients to remain at home longer and avoid premature admission to long-term care or the emergency department, which is better for patients and the health system."

- **Jacqueline Redmond, CEO, Community Care Access Centre**



“Assisted Living for High Risk Seniors is a flexible client centered model of care delivery that will benefit eligible individuals to remain at home as well as the caregivers supporting them. This is a wonderful opportunity for our communities and for the local healthcare system and we are pleased to be working with our community partners to establish this service in the South East LHIN.”

- **Lori Cooper, District Executive Director of Community Support, Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada – Ontario Branch**

“The South East LHIN’s investment in assisted living services represents our commitment to build a system of care that meets the needs of this region. Implementation at these three sites marks a tremendous first step in our Assisted Living strategy for the South East.”

- **Sherry Kennedy, COO South East LHIN**

QUICK FACTS

- The Assisted Living Service for High-Risk Seniors program provides a combination of personal support and homemaking services, security checks or reassurance services, and care coordination, around the clock, on a scheduled and as-needed basis.
- A hub is a designated geographic area, in which the identified services can be provided (with safe response times), and there is a sufficient number of high-risk seniors to make providing Assisted Living services economically viable.
- Within the hub, eligible seniors may live in any one of a variety of settings, including; individual single family homes, townhouses, condominiums, housing co-operatives, or apartment buildings.

To learn more about Assisted Living Services for High-Risk Seniors program, please visit the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care [website](#).

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