

News Release

South East LHIN approves funding for three-bed residential hospice pilot site in Prince Edward County

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Belleville, ON – The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), today announced the approval of \$190,000 towards the provision of clinical services at a three-bed residential hospice pilot site in Prince Edward County.

In partnership with the South East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and Hospice Prince Edward, the site will offer nursing and personal support services by CCAC contracted provider(s) to meet the needs of hospice residents. The various aspects of this partnership will be formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.

Hospice Prince Edward will also coordinate and partner with Health Links, primary care, and hospital providers in the South East region.

The site, located on Downes Avenue in Picton, provides barrier-free access on the main level, 24-hour secure access for families, and security and communications systems throughout the building. Hospice Prince Edward hopes the site will be a home-away-from-home for individuals who are approaching end of life.

Building a sustainable hospice system is part of the implementation of the South East LHIN's third Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP3), *Better Integration, Better Health Care* and aligns with Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care: Providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

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Quotes:

"We are grateful to the SE LHIN for approving this community residential hospice demonstration. We are enormously proud of our volunteers and our local community for their generosity, passion and support in 'lighting the way' for residential hospice services in Prince Edward County"

- Birgit Langwisch, President, Hospice Prince Edward.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with Hospice Prince Edward in the development of this most important community resource and believe that it will offer patients and their families another choice during this most difficult time in their lives. We look forward to working closely with Hospice Prince Edward and the Picton community,"

- Jacqueline Redmond, CEO of the South East CCAC.

“The creation of a residential hospice pilot site in Prince Edward County demonstrates the South East LHIN’s commitment to improve the overall experience for all patients in the South East region. This site will help patients and their families to manage end-of-life in a manner they choose while optimizing their quality of care, comfort, and security.”

- Paul Huras, CEO South East LHIN

"Our government has been proud to invest in hospice care as they provide Ontarians with dignity throughout their final days. This new residential hospice in Prince Edward County will bring this special care closer to home for patients and their families. I want to thank everyone who worked to make this project possible."

- John Gerretsen, MPP for Kingston and The Islands

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