

Ontario announces intent to appoint supervisor at Quinte Health Care Corporation

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McGuinty Government Takes Action Over Concerns About Hospital's Governance

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care today notified Quinte Health Care Corporation (QHC) of his intent to recommend that a supervisor be appointed for the hospital.

The minister's actions were prompted by QHC's failure to implement recommendations from a 2006 assessment on governance and related matters and a 2008 review of a system performance report, as highlighted in the recent third party review by Ken Tremblay, CEO of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

The minister was also recently advised by the South East Local Health Integration Network's (LHIN) board that QHC has not addressed ongoing financial matters and their performance improvement plan does not meet the criteria previously agreed upon by the ministry, LHIN and hospital.

Under legislation, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care must give at least 14 days notice to the board of a hospital of his intent to recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) that a supervisor be appointed. On the minister's recommendation, Cabinet may appoint a supervisor if it considers it is in the public interest to do so.

QUICK FACTS

- Quinte Health Care Corporation is one hospital with four sites (Belleville General, North Hastings, Prince Edward County Memorial and Trenton Memorial) serving Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, and the southeast

portion of Northumberland County.

- Ken Tremblay released his interim third party review report on January 15, 2009.

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"The McGuinty government is committed to ensuring that residents of Belleville and the surrounding area are well served by the Quinte Health Care Corporation. The Tremblay Interim Report finds the hospital has not made any progress in resolving governance issues. As the financial situation is also worsening with the potential to jeopardize hospital operations, I believe that it is necessary to take action at this time"

– David Caplan

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care