

Smother transitions for patients in the South East LHIN

Convalescent Care Unit to help patients recover strength and function

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Patients in need of convalescent supportive and restorative care in the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) will soon benefit from a new 22-bed Convalescent Care unit in Napanee. The Unit, located at Lennox and Addington County General Hospital (LACGH), is the first of its kind in the South East region.

The 22 beds, which were awarded to the South East LHIN last spring by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, will begin accepting patients today, November 15.

Convalescent care offers 24-hour services for patients to recover strength and function over a maximum 90-day period, assisting with their transition back into the community. The intent of convalescent care is also to assist in alleviating pressures on emergency room wait times and alternative level of care beds.

The Unit will play an important role in the continuum of patient care across the region and is an opportunity to improve patient flow, enabling patients to return home sooner.

Admissions to the beds will be managed through the South East Community Care Access Centre.

In collaboration with LACGH, the South East LHIN is committed to supporting improved coordination of care for our residents as part of Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care, by providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

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“The opening of these 22 Convalescent Care beds will provide much needed relief to our hospitals, while providing a local solution to a segment of our health care system that will see increasing pressures and demands in the coming years.”

- Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington

“This is great news for the region and stems from one of the recommendations in Dr. Samir Sinha's report Living Longer, Living Well. Thanks to the addition of these short stay beds, patients who are in hospital for treatment will be able to get the care they need in an efficient and expeditious manner, helping them get home sooner.”

- John Gerretsen, MPP, Kingston and the Islands

"The opening of this 22-bed unit means patients of the South East region will soon have better access to high quality, coordinated rehabilitation services enabling them to return to the community stronger and healthier."

- Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN

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