

North East LHIN Helps Long-term Care Homes Provide Quality Care to Residents

September 27, 2017 – The North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) is committed to providing the right health care at the right time to people across Northeastern Ontario. For some, that care is found in a Long-term Care home. Thousands of seniors across the region are thriving in this setting; meet two of them, who reside at Cassellholme in North Bay.

Jim Singleton moved to Cassellholme a few months ago, following his wife's death. The past president of Laurentian Ski Hill and former director of the YMCA has always been very involved in the community – and he was happy to take on another guiding role at Cassellholme. He joined the Family Council, a group of residents, family members, and friends that provides assistance, information, and advice - as well as supports and plans activities.

"I like the people here. They've been very good to me," said Singleton. "The service they provide is excellent."

Ann McIntyre's husband, Larry, has been a resident at Cassellholme for two years. She visits him several times a day and appreciates the work long-term care homes do to help ensure residents' needs are met.

"The staff at Cassellholme are wonderful, caring people who work hard to make the lives of their residents as safe, pleasant and meaningful as they can," said McIntyre.

"The NE LHIN is extremely pleased to support the health care needs of Northerners wherever they call home," said Kate Fyfe, Interim CEO of the North East LHIN. "Long-term care offers a broad range of services in a friendly, safe environment, helping to ensure people receive the around-the-clock care they need from a dedicated team of health care professionals."

The North East LHIN funds Cassellholme and 39 other long-term care homes across the region - facilities that work hard to improve the quality of life for the people they serve.



Jim Singleton, Cassellholme resident & member of the Family Council.



Ann and Larry McIntyre enjoy time in the Oval Garden. Larry has been a resident at Cassellholme for two years.

Facts:

- The North East LHIN funds 40 long-term care homes across the region, which operate nearly 4,900 licensed beds. In October 2014, the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care announced its commitment to Enhanced Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy (Enhanced Strategy)
- The Enhanced Strategy supports the redevelopment of more than 30,000 LTC beds in more than 300 LTC homes to current design standards by 2025, eliminating all four-bed wards in Ontario's long-term care homes.
- Through the Enhanced Strategy, residents will benefit from redeveloped LTC homes, which facilitate the provision of quality care and service in an environment that is comfortable, aesthetically pleasing and as home-like as possible.
- 1 in 10 residents of the NE LHIN aged 75 and older live in long-term care.
- Cassellholme has been in operation since 1925. It currently provides care to 240 residents.

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