

MEDIA RELEASE

North East LHIN Hospitals Receive \$7.7 Million in Additional Funding to Support Patients and Families

December 5, 2016 – An additional investment in North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) hospitals is improving access to care across the region, helping to reduce wait times, and supporting increased access to services that Northern patients and families rely on. The North East LHIN received \$7.7 million more this year to improve meeting the acute care needs of fellow Northerners.

“As a LHIN we work closely with our hospitals to ensure quality acute care services are available for Northerners when they need them. We know how hard their staff and leadership work to provide patient-centred care while keeping in mind their financial sustainability. This special funding will support our hospitals in meeting the health care needs of Northerners,” said Louise Paquette, CEO, NE LHIN.

Recently announced in the [2016 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review](#), additional funding was provided to hospitals to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities.

“In recent years, hospitals have become more efficient while improving patient care, even as they face increased demand for services. Through this additional investment, our government is committed to ensuring hospitals maintain a high level of care to address the increased health care needs of a growing and aging population,” said Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

Improving access to hospital services is part of the Ontario government’s plan to build a better Ontario through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#), which provides patients with faster access to the right care; better home and community care; the information they need to live healthy; and a health care system that is sustainable for generations to come.

NE LHIN Hospitals receiving additional funding:

Algoma Sub-Region

- Hornepayne Community Hospital (\$45,300)
- Lady Dunn Health Centre (\$77,400)
- North Shore Health Network/ Réseau santé du nord (\$131,200)
- Sault Area Hospital (\$534,800)

Cochrane Sub-Region

- Anson General Hospital (\$89,100)
- Bingham Memorial Hospital (\$65,400)

- Hôpital Notre Dame Hospital (\$146,800)
- Lady Minto Hospital (\$111,700)
- Sensenbrenner Hospital (\$171,800)
- Services de Santé de Chapleau Health Services (\$534,600)
- Smooth Rock Falls Hospital (\$565,300)
- Timmins and District General Hospital (\$976,300)

James Bay Coast Sub-Region

- Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (\$253,700)

Nipissing-Temiskaming Sub-Region

- Englehart and District Hospital(\$ 61,300)
- Kirkland and District Hospital (\$215,100)
- Mattawa General Hospital (\$68,500)
- North Bay Regional Health Centre (\$1,001,000)
- Temiskaming Hospital (\$293,000)
- West Nipissing General Hospital (\$161,600)

Sudbury/Manitoulin/Parry Sound Sub-Region

- Espanola General Hospital (\$118,900)
- Health Sciences North (\$1,097,800)
- Manitoulin Health Centre (\$150,900)
- St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre of Sudbury (\$37,500)
- St. Joseph's General Hospital (\$296,500)
- West Parry Sound Health Centre (\$508,800)

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing an additional \$140 million in public hospitals across the province to ensure that they continue to meet the growing needs of their local communities. This new funding builds on an increase of more than \$345 million for Ontario's hospitals as part of the 2016 Budget.
- According to a recent report from the Fraser Institute, Ontario has the shortest median wait times to see a specialist in the country. The province has committed to further reducing specialist wait times in The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's [most recent mandate letter](#).
- There are 147 public hospitals in Ontario. This year's \$51.8 billion health care budget is a 2.1 per cent increase over last year – greater than the rate of inflation.

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