



Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

The Central LHIN is one of 14 LHINs established in Ontario as of April 2007. LHINs are not-for-profit corporations that work with local health providers and community members to determine the health service priorities of their regions. Central LHIN encompasses the majority of York Region, north Toronto and south Simcoe County.

Background

The Central LHIN works in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to ensure that unique local health care needs and priorities are addressed. The Ministry holds the LHIN accountable for its performance, and a large portion of the Ministry's budget for this geographic area has been handed over to the LHIN. The LHIN is responsible for public and private hospitals, the Community Care Access Centre, community support service organizations, mental health and addiction agencies, community health centres and long-term care homes. The Ministry continues to be responsible for overall planning of the health system in Ontario and for a number of provincial programs, including public health and physicians.

Mandate of the Central LHIN

- The LHIN plans and integrates local health care services
- The LHIN allocates funds to improve health services
- The LHIN ensures better coordination between health providers.

Health Care Priorities

The Ministry's goal is to ensure consistent health service levels throughout each LHIN. The LHIN addresses this by working with citizens and health care partners to determine health care priorities and services in the local communities:

- Health Professionals Advisory Committee
This is comprised of members from a range of health services professions.
- Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
The LHIN provides the community with health information, obtains feedback and then makes recommendations on service gaps and opportunities for coordination and integration of services.

Such dialogue has resulted in Central LHIN's first Integrated Health Service Plan. Health care priorities for the 2010-2013 time periods include:

- Chronic disease management and prevention
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Health Equity
- Emergency Department wait time and the time people spend in hospital beds waiting for alternate levels of care

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