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Consultations Under Way on Health Services Blueprint

North West LHIN Mission

Develop an innovative, sustainable and efficient health system in service to the health and wellness of the people of the North West LHIN.

North West LHIN Vision

Healthier people, a strong health system – our future.

In order to achieve our vision and mission for the people of Northwestern Ontario, the North West LHIN has embarked upon the development of a 10 year Health Services Blueprint plan.

Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) is working with the North West LHIN to develop this 10 year comprehensive health services integration plan for the region that includes recommendations on best practices and future models of health care delivery.

Our goal is to improve access to quality care for people in the northwest region by addressing the sustainability of our health care services to ensure the right services are being delivered at the right time, in the right place and at the right cost. Consultation with our health service providers, partners and communities will help us make better informed decisions based on local needs and input.

Phase One of the project

In the fall of 2010, community engagement sessions were held with health service providers in 13 communities to gather feedback for the content of the blueprint. Stakeholders were asked what is working well and what their future needs over the next ten years will be for health care delivery in the North West. Additionally, two online surveys have been posted to our website for health service providers and other stakeholders to complete.

Phase Two of the project

Qualitative data from the community engagement sessions is being linked to the quantitative findings and literature review and will be used to develop the integration implementation plan for our region. With all of this information gathered, preliminary findings are being drafted for presentation to the Blueprint Working Group (members from health service providers and other partners) and the Integration Leadership Council (CEOs of health service providers and other partners) for feedback.

The Next Step

Consultation is under way with service providers, partners and communities to better inform this comprehensive health service integration plan. A [survey is currently online about organizing health services to optimize the patient journey](#) which we invite you and your constituents/colleagues to participate in.

The [Health Services Blueprint section on our website](#) provides the background information on the purpose of the project, notes from all community engagement sessions, survey tools used for the project, and a listing of the Blueprint Working Group members.

LHINs are the only organizations in Ontario that bring together health care partners from the following sectors – hospitals, community care, community support services, community mental health and addictions, community health centres and long-term care – to develop innovative, collaborative solutions leading to more timely access to high quality services for the residents of Northwestern Ontario and the province. By supporting these important partnerships, LHINs are ensuring that Ontarians have access to an effective and efficient health care system that delivers improved health care results and a better patient experience.