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North West Local Health Integration Network

Health Services Blueprint Update

Entering A Year of Integration, Pilot Projects, and Progress

This is shaping up to be an exciting year – one of transformation and integration. But we knew it would be because success doesn't come without a plan. Back in 2012, the North West LHIN introduced the Health Services Blueprint, a 10-year plan to reshape and transform the health care system designed by Northwestern Ontarians for Northwestern Ontarians.



The first two years were foundational, building shared understanding of the Health Services Blueprint and its integrated model of care to be delivered at the local, district and regional levels. Year three saw a shift in focus from education and awareness to envisioning what an integrated model of care might look like here in Northwestern Ontario and how it might be implemented. It was a natural progression for the North West LHIN to work in partnership with some health care system leaders on a project that would develop forward-looking, value-creating transformation scenarios, and identify opportunities to change how services are configured to deliver more seamless, integrated care in a way that is sustainable now and in the future. This project was made possible through the Small, Rural and Northern Hospital Transformation Fund and the North West LHIN.

Adam Brown, CEO of Wilson Memorial General Hospital and The McCausland Hospital, served as the Co-Chair in developing these scenarios. “Traditionally, we’ve looked at funding services or programs that are independent of each other. This is about re-thinking our approach, about planning to the needs of the people of Northwestern Ontario and building services and programs around that.” Over time, residents can expect to see improvements to how care is coordinated, to how they access services and navigate through the health care system – for the better.



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As we enter this, the fourth year of the Health Services Blueprint, the North West LHIN will partner with health service providers from across the region to pilot some of the forward-looking scenarios identified last year to improve how health care is organized and delivered. The measure of success is that the pilot programs must demonstrate value: they must help people to achieve the health outcomes that are important to them in a way that is sustainable now and for generations to come.

Over the weeks to come, residents of Northwestern Ontario can expect to see health service providers across the region identified as project sites. The pilot sites will then begin the work of developing implementation plans to validate these innovative and exciting ways of delivering more seamless, more integrated care.

“This is not about finding ways to work more efficiently within the system as it exists right now; this is about transformation,” said Laura Kokocinski, CEO of the North West LHIN. “We’ve been talking about and planning for the delivery of integrated care for many years. We’ve formalized it in the North West LHIN’s Health Services Blueprint. Now we’re making it a reality through pilot programs where care is better coordinated, easier to navigate, and supports residents in achieving the health goals that matter to them.”



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- Updates Health Services Blueprint activities and initiatives are shared with the public in the North West LHIN's LHINKages quarterly newsletter.
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