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The City of Greater Sudbury -- A Reflection on LHIN Health Care Investments

Five years of health care investments have increased local access to care

The North East LHIN has been investing in health care within the City of Greater Sudbury from a number of different angles over the past five years including new programs at the hospital, more long-term care beds in the community, funding for additional ambulatory care programs, more community-based health care funding, and investments across the health care continuum.

Since Health Sciences North moved to its new one site facility in 2010, the following beds have been added to the community: 64 beds at St. Joseph's Complex Continuing Care Centre, 128 beds at St. Gabriel's Long-Term Care Home, 64 dementia beds and 27 interim beds at Pioneer Manor, 60 interim surge beds at Memorial Site, 12 supportive housing units at ICAN, 10 acquired brain injury units with the local Ontario March of Dimes, and more assisted living services for high-risk seniors across the district.

In addition to providing Health Sciences North with more than \$274 million in base funding, and 30 other local health service providers with over \$216 million each year, the North East LHIN has made targeted investments totaling \$77 million over the past five years to increase both our hospital and community capacity. With a multi-pronged approach to health care investments, the community has benefited with more options to more timely care.

There's no denying that more work needs to be done. And, as has often been said, this will not happen by the single efforts of any one organization. It has and will continue to take the collective will of many – hospital administrators and physicians, front line staff, community support organizations – in short, all health service providers in Sudbury.

Here's a quick historic review of some of the health improvements that have happened on the ground in Sudbury in the past five years:

Community-based programs and services – a \$5.8 million investment for such initiatives as:

- Support services to move people out of hospital and home safely and quickly
- Alzheimer's caregiver support
- Home help, respite services, transportation services
- Meals on Wheels, transportation services, enhanced home support, Falls Prevention programs
- Enhanced funding for North East Community Care Access Centre (NE CCAC) to deliver Home First -- **more than 195 seniors have been sent home from hospital with care support so far**
- ICAN Stroke Rehabilitation Project
- Assisted living services for the frail elderly

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- Affordable seniors' apartments at Lepotoki Finnish Resthome
- Assisted living services through the Canadian Mental Health Association
- Geriatric Case Management at the NE CCAC

Emergency Room (Hospital) – more than a \$4.5 million investment for such initiatives as:

- CCAC case managers in the ER
- Geriatric emergency nurse in the ER
- Addictions worker in the ER
- Patient flow coordinator in the ER

Post Acute – a \$38.8 million investment for such initiatives as:

- 128 beds at St. Gabriel's Long-Term Care Home
- 64 dementia beds at Pioneer Manor ("The Lodge")
- 16 Assess and Restore Beds at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Complex Centre
- 27 new interim care beds at Pioneer Manor

Acute Inpatient (Hospital) – a \$25.9 million investment for such initiatives as:

- 64 beds at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre
- A short-stay unit in hospital
- Beds at Memorial Site
- Elder Life Program, geriatric assessments, medical day care enhancements

Ambulatory Programs (Hospital) – a \$2.2 million investment for such initiatives as:

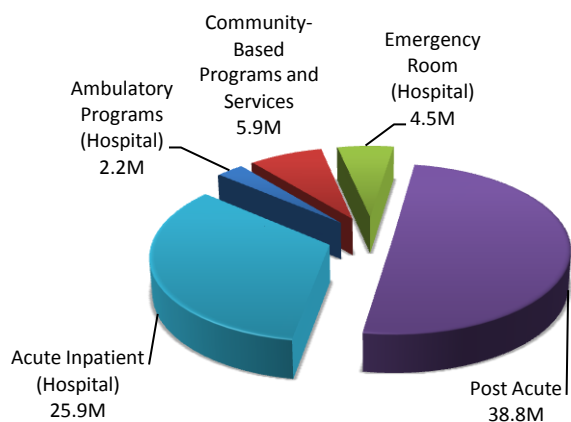
- Geriatric day hospital
- Nurse-led outreach team in local long-term care homes
- North East Regional Specialized Geriatric Services located at Pioneer Manor

Success for Northern patients continues to result from the NE LHIN's work with local partners – like 195 fewer seniors in hospital. They are happy to be at home with new programs like Home First and quality care in the comfort of home.

At the official opening of the Ontario March of Dimes Congregate Care Home for individuals with acquired brain injury last month, NE LHIN CEO Louise Paquette noted, "Brain Injury is the number one disabler for people under the age of 44. In the past, these patients often received an ALC designation and unfortunately, when 24 hour care was required, a long-term care facility was often the only solution for care." It's local North East LHIN investments like this that are providing this community the right care, at the right time and in the right place.

Sudbury-Area NE LHIN Health Care Investments

Total NE LHIN Additional Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Investments in Greater Sudbury, 2007-2012
\$77 million



Total NE LHIN Base Funding in Greater Sudbury 2011-2012
\$490 million

