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Good afternoon,

In response to the request for feedback and consultation regarding Ontario's Government's budget for 2020 resourcing, providing our collective input.

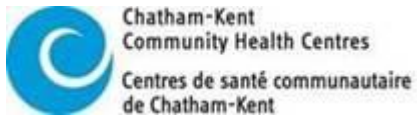
As a champion of comprehensive primary care, health equity and sustainability for future generations for overall health and wellbeing, the government should be spending/allocating resources on the following priority areas:

1. Advance access to primary health care teams for complex clients of non-team physicians, requesting \$75 million, phased in over 3 year, to expand access to team care; \$63 million for 40-60 Team Care teams; \$3 million for existing Team Care teams; and \$9 million for Team Care partnership facilitators in each OHT.
2. Integrate health and social care through social prescribing, requesting \$20 million over 3 years to scale social prescribing to every primary care team in the province.
3. Address the toxic supply driving the opioid poisoning crisis, requesting the listing of injectable hydromorphone required for treatment on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary and addressing barriers to accessing Diacetylmorphine; \$5 million per year to increase staff resourcing and project supports in consumption treatment sites; restoration funding to previously de-funded supervised consumption services.
4. Support infrastructure for community health, requesting a 5% budget increase (~ \$30 million) to stabilize community primary health care; annualized investment of \$16.5 million to address increased costs.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
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