

# Partner Update



## About Us

Peterborough OHT is a group of local health professionals, organizations, and community members working together as a team to provide coordinated care to our community. The goal of an OHT is to better connect care providers to make it easier for patients and families to receive more integrated care close to home.

The vision of Peterborough OHT is “better-integrated healthcare, with a seamless experience when moving between different healthcare services, providers and settings.” Peterborough OHT will aim to ensure that care is connected, coordinated and comprehensive. Ontario’s Quadruple Aim and Patient, Family & Caregiver Declaration of Values underpin the work we do.

## Ministry of Health Funding Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA)

The Ministry of Health has assigned the Ontario Health Team (OHT) Implementation Supports Funding TPA to Ontario Health (OH) effective October 1, 2022. The assignment of the TPA to OH is aligned with the ministry’s commitment to collaboratively work with OH to support OHT advancement.

## Ontario Health (East)

Alternative level of care prevention and diversion continues to be OH (East) top priority, in addition to reducing the wait list for surgeries that have been delayed by the pandemic. The current ALC open cases in Acute Care is approximately 1400 people. They have asked the OHTs to help create more integrated systems by bringing partners together so that initiatives by individual Health Service providers can be aligned with efforts by OHTs and collaborative quality improvement plans (cQIP) activities.

## Peterborough OHT Membership

We are pleased to welcome Peterborough Public Health, Family Health Team, and Community Counselling and Resource Centre as Formal Alliance Partners of the Peterborough OHT. Peterborough Public Health and Family Health Team representatives will also join the Peterborough OHT Steering Committee. We also welcomed Trent Student Health Services, AON, and Brain Injury Association of Peterborough as Affiliate members.

## Community Health Centre Proposal

The Barriers to Primary Care Working Group was struck to develop a proposal for a Community Health Centre (CHC) in Peterborough. The CHC proposal was approved by the Peterborough OHT Steering Committee and presented to Peterborough City and County Council in early 2022, receiving great support. If funded, the CHC would support 6,000 marginalized and unattached patients in Peterborough.



## Patient & Caregiver Handbook

The Patient and Family Advisory Team is developing a Peterborough OHT Patient & Caregiver Handbook. The handbook will provide information and resources to help patients and caregivers navigate the healthcare system in Peterborough.



## Other news

The Steering Committee met to confirm the 2022/23 Spend Plan.

The Peterborough OHT has signed on with CareDove, a referral management platform that helps clients and providers easily connect with services.

Peterborough OHT submitted a Population Health Management & Equity Plan to the Ministry on July 29, 2022.

The Peterborough OHT has received funding to support Online Appointment Booking for 49 local Primary Care providers.

## Seniors Supportive Housing Development

Peterborough OHT partners are collaborating on the Seniors Supportive Housing Development, Hunt Terraces. Hunt Terraces is an 85-unit supportive housing complex located at 555 Bonacord Street, Peterborough. Units will be dedicated to ALC patients at PRHC (20), individuals requiring assisted living (30) and individuals on the City of Peterborough's By Name List (15). Occupancy is anticipated by February 2023.

## Peterborough OHT Transition to Ontario Health East

Peterborough OHT has transitioned from The Ministry of Health to Ontario Health East effective October 1, 2022. The Peterborough OHT will continue to advocate to Ontario Health East for sustainable funding and clear leadership/oversight.

## Partners

Our organizations have been working together both formally and informally for years. As an OHT, we are committed to building on these partnerships to ensure all patients in our region are able to access and navigate the healthcare system in a seamless and coordinated way.

Together, this group of care providers and local organizations have the capacity, knowledge and leadership to improve health outcomes in Peterborough and the surrounding region.

