

MEDIA RELEASE

Central West Local Health Integration Network seeks residents' input for better health care in Shelburne

Members of the public are invited to provide their input regarding the future of health services in the Shelburne area. A public meeting hosted by Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) will be held on Thursday, December 17 at 7pm in the Grace Tipling Hall at the Shelburne Town Hall.

The Central West LHIN is mandated to plan, integrate and fund health services within the boundaries of the Central West LHIN, which includes Dufferin County. The Central West LHIN will establish a task force of citizens, community leaders, health service providers and representatives of Headwaters Health Care Centre. The task force will be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Central West LHIN Board, Terry Miller and will advise the LHIN on the implementation plan for a health and care centre in Shelburne.

"Its an opportunity to create a responsive health care system from the grass roots up so that the local issues are represented right at the planning stage," said Mimi Lowi-Young, CEO of the Central West LHIN.

Establishing health and care centres is in accordance with the Central West LHIN's Health Systems Plan and the recently approved Integrated Health Services Plan. The Integrated Health Services Plan lays out what the LHIN plans to achieve in the next three years. Health and care centres are identified as an important health services resource (see both documents at www.centralwestlhin.on.ca).

Joe McReynolds, Chair of the Central West LHIN Board of Directors, said, "The Central West LHIN understands the health needs of people in this region and we want to work with them to ensure the services residents require will be available."

The Central West LHIN is proposing that the implementation plan for a health and care centre will begin early in the New Year.

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