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Sudbury

Ontario Improving Access to Care in Sudbury

Province Increasing Investment in Hospitals to Support Patients and Families

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Ontario is improving access to care in Sudbury helping to reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on.

Health Sciences North is receiving \$990,600 this year and St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre \$33,900 to improve access to care and reduce the length of hospital stays for patients and families in Sudbury.

Recently announced in the [2016 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review](#), the new investment from the province ensures that all public hospitals in Ontario have received, at a minimum, a two per cent increase to their base funding this year. Additional funding has been provided to hospitals to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities.

Improving access to hospital services is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care, which provides patients with faster access to the right care; better home and community care; the information they need to live healthy; and a health care system that is sustainable for generations to come.

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"This is necessary funding to help improve access to services in our community. Our goal is always to deliver quality health care for Sudbury residents as quick as possible. By making this important investment, we will lower the wait times for emergency services and improve patient care."

– Glenn Thibeault MPP for Sudbury

"In recent years, hospitals have become more efficient while improving patient care, even as they face increased demand for services. Through this additional investment, our government is committed to ensuring hospitals maintain a high level of care to address the increased health care needs of a growing and aging population."

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"On behalf of the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), I would like to thank the Government of Ontario for supporting hospitals with this needed investment as they work to provide care to patients under challenging circumstances. The resources made available, thanks to today's announcement, will help ensure continued access to high quality health services in communities across Ontario."

– Anthony Dale, President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

“As a LHIN we work closely with Health Sciences North to ensure quality acute and speciality care services are available for Northerners when they need them. We know how hard their staff and leadership work to provide patient-centred care while keeping in mind their financial sustainability. This special base funding will support the continued provision of quality health care and help the hospital meet the health care needs of people they serve from all across Northeastern Ontario.”

– Louise Paquette, CEO, North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing an additional \$140 million in public hospitals across the province to ensure that they continue to meet the growing needs of their local communities. This new funding builds on an increase of more than \$345 million for Ontario’s hospitals as part of the 2016 Budget.
- Since 2013, Sudbury has also received approximately \$5 million to support planning and continuation of successful Emergency Department initiatives, such as hiring nurse practitioners to treat patients with less complex conditions.
- There are 147 public hospitals in Ontario.
- Hospital funding in Ontario has increased more than 2 per cent, from \$17 billion in 2013-14 to \$17.4 billion in 2016-17.
- This year’s \$51.8 billion health care budget is a 2.1 per cent increase over last year – greater than the rate of inflation.

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