

Building a Healthy Community – A Grassroots Approach

The Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN) is committed to working with its health care partners so that Cambridge and area residents enjoy a healthy community both today, and in the years to come. That's why it has invested more than \$7.6 million in community-based health care solutions in the past year alone. This is in addition to Cambridge Memorial Hospital's annual budget allocation.

Health service providers across the community are delivering innovative programs and services to support a sustainable health care system to meet the needs of Cambridge and area residents. Recent funding support has gone to:

Aging at Home – Centered around senior care in our community, this program received more than \$500,000 this year, and includes initiatives such as Connections to Health Aging at Fairview Mennonite Home, Geriatric Emergency Medicine Nurses, First Link program for Alzheimer's patients, and palliative care.

Long-Term Care – Receiving close to \$1 million in support, this program is also geared to our seniors and includes personal support worker and Registered Practical Nurse funding.

Transition Bed Program – In an on-going effort to reduce pressure on hospital bed resources, this program provides transition beds in other facilities and received over \$750,000 in funding.

Hospital support – The WWLHIN recognizes the needs of hospitals outside of their approved budgets, and has allocated almost \$5 million to help Cambridge Memorial Hospital develop a wait-times strategy, critical care nurse training, and support with general surgery.

Stabilization funding – An additional \$500,000 was dispersed to other health service providers to help support their initiatives and health care solutions.

If you would like more information on this, please consult the WWLHIN's web site, Waterloo Wellington Partners in Health - www.wwpartnersinhealth.ca. Check in often for news and information.



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