

WWLHIN *formation*

Facts About a Health Based Allocation Model

The Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN) supports a Health Based Allocation Model (HBAM) to ensure informed allocations for health care across the province.

When fully developed, the methodology will address all aspects of health care, including, hospitals, home care, long-term care, and community support services to ensure continuity within a system-wide approach for delivery of programs and services.

The model has been developed for use as a management tool. Planning is underway that would allow it to be used for funding allocation over the next year. Currently, it cannot be clearly stated that health care funding to the WWLHIN area will either increase or decrease.

WWLHIN Growth Funding Allocations

On April 13, 2008, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) announced growth funding. The WWLHIN received \$1.17 million. Within the requirements for the allocations, the Province indicated “LHINs determined the appropriate distribution and timing of this funding for their hospitals based on their respective local circumstances” and “growth funding is allocated to meet the needs of hospitals in areas experiencing high population and service utilization growth.”

The WWLHIN, prior to its final decision, consulted with the Chief Executive Officers of the eight (8) local hospitals to discuss the allocation opportunities. This group of individuals endorsed the direction being taken by the WWLHIN.

Using the criteria identified by the MOHLTC for high population and service utilization growth, the WWLHIN based its decision on transformational initiatives, that:

- improves access to services,
- creates a sustainable health system, and
- delivers system-wide programs for all residents in the WWLHIN area.

Using these criteria, the allocation of the \$1.17 million is as follows:

- \$400,000 to Guelph General Hospital to support the vascular program,
- \$400,000 to St. Mary's to support the cardiac care program, and
- \$379,000 to St. Joseph's Health Centre to support complex continuing care and rehab program.

All of these initiatives meet the needs of the WWLHIN area population as identified in the Integrated Health Service Plan (ISHP) 2007-2010 as well as the outlined MOHLTC directives for this growth funding.

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