

Ontario Improving Access to Care in Brockville

Province Increasing Investment in Hospitals to Support Patients and Families

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

Brockville General Hospital is receiving \$3,196,000 more this year to improve access to care and reduce the length of hospital stays for patients and families in the Brockville Region. In total the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) region is receiving \$8,561,900.

Hospital	Funding Allocation
Quinte Health Care	\$1,827,100
Brockville General Hospital	\$3,196,000
Kingston General Hospital	\$890,900
The Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph of the Hotel Dieu of Kingston	\$284,600
Providence Care Centre	\$1,576,300
Lennox and Addington County General Hospital	\$212,100
Perth and Smiths Fall District Hospital	\$574,900
South East LHIN Total	\$8,561,900

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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“Our hospitals play an essential role in keeping our community members healthy and we rely on them in times of need. This new funding to reduce hospital wait times is a concrete example of our government’s commitment to investing in the services that make everyday life easier for my community.”

– Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

“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

“Across the South East LHIN, our hospitals have been working hard to improve access to high quality care within tight fiscal constraints. Today’s announcement will help to ensure that patients across our region continue to receive excellent care in hospital, and are well supported as they transition through the health care system.”

– Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN

“Brockville General Hospital provides valuable services to our community. Everyone locally knows we are trying to recover from financial challenges. This funding helps us tremendously to maintain high quality services in Leeds Grenville. ”

– Kevin Empey, Hospital Supervisor, Brockville General Hospital

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.
- According to a recent report from the Fraser Institute, Ontario has the shortest median wait times to see a specialist in the country. The province has committed to further reducing

specialist wait times in The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's [most recent mandate letter](#).

- There are 147 public hospitals in Ontario.
- 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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[2016 Ontario Budget](#)

[Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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