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Relocation of Retirement Home Residents due to safety concerns

KINGSTON, ON/September 3, 2018 – The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has been aware of the ongoing situation at Fairfield Manor West Retirement Home in Kingston.

We understand the pressures this situation has caused for residents and their family members. While oversight of retirement homes does not fall to the responsibility of the LHIN, the South East LHIN has continued to mitigate plans to avoid service disruptions and assist in the necessary staffing required to meet fire codes, further safeguarding those affected.

Kingston Fire and Rescue have also taken extraordinary measures to assist beyond their mandate to ensure the safety of residents. While numerous efforts have been put forth to maintain a secured environment, Kingston Fire and Rescue no longer feel that the facility is a safe setting for residents. Therefore, a notice to vacate was issued by the Kingston fire department effective 12 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.

At this time, concerns for sustaining a satisfactory level of confidence for occupant safety has prompted South East LHIN Home and Community Care staff to take the necessary steps to assist residents and families in relocating from Fairfield Manor West.

It is important to note that while this is not typical of LHIN involvement with retirement homes, all residents of Fairfield Manor West are LHIN Home and Community Care patients, and their well-being and safety has, and will remain, a top priority. All care needs including the full spectrum of services required for each individual, have been assessed and maintained throughout this relocation process.

In the event that you or a family member have been affected by these recent developments and require additional information, please contact Amber Gooding, Acting Director, Communications and Engagement at 613-242-0658 or amber.gooding@lhins.on.ca.

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