

## South East LHIN seeking Community Representatives for Regional Patient Advisory Council

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### NEWS

The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is currently accepting applications for a Regional Patient Advisory Council to help shape future health care services in the South East.

The Regional Patient Advisory Council will bring together community, patients, and family members to discuss and test ideas related to the future of health care services across the region.

Membership to the Council will be made up of current Patient Advisory Council's of the seven South East LHIN Hospitals, as well as eight additional community members, which will be chosen based on geographic location.

Patient Advisor's are persons who have had a recent experience (generally within three years) of being a patient or the family member of a patient and who are willing to work with health service providers to provide direct input into policies, programs and practices which affect patient care and services. The role of the members of the Regional Patient Advisory Council will be to keep the patient and family as the focal point of our healthcare system.

Interested candidates are asked to submit a 250-word expression of interest that answers the following questions:

- Why would you like to serve as a Regional Patient Advisory Council member?
- What are some issues of special interest to you?

Submissions will be accepted until September 24, 2014 to the South East LHIN office by mail and/or email to the address below. Successful applicants will be contacted by September 29, 2014.

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The Regional Patient Advisory Council will meet approximately every two months, for a period of four hours. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on October 6<sup>th</sup> in Kingston. A schedule of additional meeting dates and times will be confirmed based on the availability of the finalized membership. For more information please contact Caitlin den Boer at [Caitlin.denboer@lhins.on.ca](mailto:Caitlin.denboer@lhins.on.ca).

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**Quotes**

“The Regional Patient Advisory Council brings important public input into our health care system. It’s critical that those who are touched by the health care system as patients, and their families, have a strong voice in how public policy in healthcare is shaped. I applaud those who will put their names forward to give of their time for the benefit of us all.”

- **Lou Rinaldi, MPP Northumberland – Quinte West**

“The creation of a Regional Patient Advisory Council is one way the South East LHIN is ensuring the people who use the system are truly engaged on a regular basis to better inform our decisions.”

- **Sherry Kennedy, COO, South East LHIN**

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