

## About us

Peterborough Ontario Health Team (OHT) was formally announced on December 9, 2019. Peterborough OHT is a group of local health professionals, organizations, and community members working together as a team to provide coordinated care to our community. The goal of an OHT is to better connect healthcare (including hospitals, home care, and family physicians/primary care) and other care providers to make it easier for patients and families to receive more integrated care close to home.



The vision of Peterborough OHT is “better-integrated healthcare, with a seamless experience when moving between different healthcare services, providers and settings.” Peterborough OHT will aim to ensure that care is connected, coordinated and comprehensive.

**Ontario’s Quadruple Aim** and **Patient, Family & Caregiver Declaration of Values** underpin the work we do.

## Priority projects

The Peterborough OHT is seeking sustainable funding for the following initiatives.

- Integrated Comprehensive Care Program for frail, complex, elderly patients with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) & Diabetes
- ‘Talk Now’ Community Mental Health & Addictions Clinic
- Peterborough Community Paramedic program
- Seniors’ Supportive Housing development
- Primary Care Virtual Care Clinic for unattached patients



## What’s New?

### COVID-19 Response

Peterborough OHT partners continue to work collaboratively throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Areas of partnership include: supporting overall local pandemic planning, assisting with community vaccination and testing efforts, providing Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) expertise and supporting long-term care home staffing.

### Town Hall meetings

Peterborough OHT held four (4) Town Hall sessions in September 2021 to seek input from local healthcare professionals, agencies and providers and community members regarding our local healthcare system and future community priorities. A report consolidating the feedback was presented to the Peterborough OHT Steering Committee and a working group was established to implement recommendations and explore how to engage hard to reach populations.

The following themes were identified at the sessions:

- Prioritize timely and efficient access to healthcare to address needs in our community
- Strengthen collaboration and communication among healthcare providers
- Create better healthcare options for those facing barriers to accessing care, especially senior and homeless populations
- Health human resources
- Address social determinants of health

### Other achievements

- Quality Improvement Working Group established to develop a Collaborative Quality Improvement Plan
- IT Working Group established to develop a Harmonized Information Plan
- Barriers to Care Working Group established to explore alternative care options to support those facing barriers to care
- Patient, Family and Caregiver Engagement Plan developed by the Patient Family Advisory Team
- Primary Care Communication Protocol developed by the Primary Care Focus Group
- Website launched! Check out [peterboroughoht.ca](https://peterboroughoht.ca)

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