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South West LHIN Board decision on residential hospice in Huron Perth anticipated in early 2017

The decision on residential hospice planning in Huron Perth is expected to be made by the South West LHIN Board in early 2017. To inform its decision, the LHIN Board will rely on the advice of the Hospice Palliative Care Leadership Committee and LHIN staff. Recommendations on the Huron Perth Residential Hospice approach, number of residential hospice beds and their locations in Huron Perth have been received for LHIN Board consideration and approval.

The Leadership Committee met on December 15, 2016 and accepted the report of the Huron Perth Hospice Palliative Care Collaborative. The Committee put forward the recommendation that the South West LHIN support the establishment of a two-site residential hospice for the Huron Perth area with 6 beds in Stratford and 4 beds in the Clinton area. This recommendation came with the understanding that it ensures optimal access for all residents in Huron Perth and will position the communities to provide a high quality, sustainable service.

The South West LHIN is appreciative of the strong community interest in this work and recognizes that many local communities are actively fundraising and planning for a local community hospice. The LHIN values the input of communities and partners to inform our planning and decision-making processes. Final details of the proposal to the board will be made public in early 2017 on the South West LHIN website as part of the South West LHIN Board package: southwestlhin.on.ca/boardandgovernance/BoardMeetings

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