

Ontario Health Team engages its communities in the selection of a name

An Ontario Health Team (OHT) of over 60 health system partners from the Arnprior, North Grenville, Carleton Place, Almonte and West Ottawa regions has officially landed on their name, based on input from the communities the OHT will serve: Ottawa West Four Rivers Ontario Health Team.

The Ottawa West Four Rivers OHT was officially announced on September 17th by Health Minister Christine Elliott. Involving providers and lived experience partners, a process was undertaken to ensure the name chosen represents the population and the geography that the OHT serves.

“It was important to us that the public was able to have their say on what their new OHT was going to be named, alongside our partners,” says Amy Boudreau, co-chair of Ottawa West Four Rivers OHT. “At Ottawa West Four Rivers, everything we do is in collaboration with our lived experience partners and our name was no different.”

“Thank you to the members of our communities who took the time to provide their feedback through our naming survey. Inclusion is key in our OHT – we want to ensure the diverse populations we serve were able to participate in the selection of our name,” says Chris LeBouthillier, co-chair of Ottawa West Four Rivers OHT. “Lived experience partners are integrated in all of the work we do at Ottawa West Four Rivers. We wanted our name to be reflective of the populations we serve and what better way to do that than get them involved.”

Forming across the province, OHTs are teams of health and community support services providers that are accountable for delivering coordinated care to a defined geographic population. Specifically, an OHT is responsible for delivering care to their patients, directly connecting them to the different types of care and supports they need and providing 24/7 access to navigation services. OHTs are a key part of the government’s health system transformation plan and People’s Healthcare Act, 2019. They bring together health care services such as primary care, hospitals, public health, long term care, home and community care, and community support services under one umbrella to help people more easily get the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

In its first year, Ottawa West Four Rivers OHT will focus on improving mental health and addictions services.

The following organizations are participants in the newly named Ontario Health Team: Almonte Family Health Organization; Arnprior and District Family Health Team, Arnprior Regional Health; Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home Program; Bayfield Manor; Bayshore HealthCare; Beckwith Family Health Organization; Beth Donovan Hospice; Bruyère; Carefor Health & Community Services; Carleton Place Family Health Organization; Champlain Region Family Council Network; Children's Mental Health of Leeds Grenville; ComForCare Ottawa; Communicare Therapy; Community Living North Grenville; County of Renfrew Paramedic Service; Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County; Eastern Ontario Regional Laboratory Association; French Language Health Services Network of Eastern Ontario; Greater Arnprior Seniors Council; Home and Community Care Support Services, OH East; Hospice Care

Ottawa; J.W. MacIntosh Community Support Services; Kemptville and District Home Support Inc.; Kemptville District Hospital; Kemptville Health and Wellness; Kemptville Medical Centre; Kemptville Pride; Leeds and Grenville Paramedic Services; Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit; Manotick Medical Centre; Med Team Inc. Family Health Group; Municipality of North Grenville; Olde Forge Community Resource Centre; OMNI Health Care; Osgoode Village Family Health Organization; Ottawa Lifestyle Medicine; Ottawa Paramedic Services; Ottawa Public Health; Ottawa Valley Family Health Team; Ottawa West Community Support; Parents' Lifeline of Eastern Ontario; Pathways Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services; Phoenix Centre for Children and Families; Pinecrest Queensway Community Health Centre; Queensway Carleton Hospital; Recovery Care; Renfrew County and District Health Unit; Richmond Medical Clinic; Rideau Crossing Health Services; Rideau Valley Health Services; Rideauwood Addictions and Family Services; Rural Ottawa South Support Services; SE Health Care; Sienna Living; South Gate Church; The Royal Ottawa; West Carleton Family Health Team; and Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre.