

Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Ontario Health Team MEDIA RELEASE

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Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Ontario Health Team launches new website

Partnership of 50+ local agencies creates accessible hub of health information for local communities

Lanark, Leeds, Grenville – June 8, 2022 – The Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Ontario Health Team (LLG OHT) has officially launched a new website and social media presence. Over time, the website and social media channels will become a hub of information for local patients, clients, residents, care partners, and providers living and working in Lanark County, Leeds and Grenville Counties, Brockville, Gananoque, Prescott, Almonte, Carleton Place, and Smiths Falls – and towns and villages in-between.

"We are still in our early stages, but as our OHT grows, so will the website, which will become a place to access local partner information, stay informed about events in the community, or connect with a service provider or health care organization," said Sheyi Badmos, Executive Lead at LLG OHT.

To visit the new website, sign up for the community e-newsletter, go to lanarkleedsgrenvilleoht.ca. The LLG OHT is also active on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

About the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Ontario Health Team

LLG OHT is a partnership of more than 50 health, community and social service organizations from across the Counties of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Committed to working together to improve health care for everyone in the region, these partners are collaborating to deliver a better and more coordinated health system. This begins by putting the patient, resident, family and caregiver voice front and centre.

In November 2020, the LLG OHT received approval from the Ministry of Health to proceed with development. In consultation with its many partners, the LLG OHT has identified the following priorities:

Working towards ensuring all residents have access to primary health care.

- Creating a system where mental health and addiction services are linked to all primary care settings.
- Creating a primary care network.

"Our communities and partners have a long history of collaboration, and it is especially true now as we all respond to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Badmos. "Formalizing and building on these partnerships will help to support the broader continuum of someone's care needs. This means that, at maturity, individuals should feel a seamless transition from primary care to community services, mental health and addiction services, hospital-based care, and beyond."

About Ontario Health Teams

The Ministry of Health introduced <u>Ontario Health Teams</u> to build a connected health care system centred around patients, families and caregivers. By working together, Ontario Health Teams will strengthen local services, making it easier for patients to navigate the system and transition between providers.

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