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Exciting News! We have been invited to submit a full application.

In July, the Ontario government announced that 17 more teams have been invited to complete full applications.

The Oxford and Area OHT was one of the teams selected!

For the full application, we will detail our plans for improving care for three priority populations.

They are:

1. People with multiple chronic conditions
2. People with palliative care needs
3. People experiencing challenges related to mental health and addictions

We selected these priority populations based on data we reviewed. The data demonstrated a need to better integrate care for an aging population and those navigating mental health supports. We will focus our efforts in these three areas, before expanding this care model to our entire region.

We will be notified regarding the success of our full application by the end of October, pending delays due to COVID-19.

We look forward to sharing more news with you then!

TOGETHER IN COORDINATED CARE

We are the proposed **Oxford and Area Ontario Health Team (OHT)**. The Ontario government is establishing Ontario Health Teams across the province to build a **connected** health care system centred around patients, families and caregivers.

OHTs bring together primary care providers, hospitals, community and home care providers to collaborate and deliver **integrated care**. This connected team will make it easier for patients to navigate the health care system, and receive the right care in the right setting.

While the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has overshadowed some of this work, it has also underscored the need for OHTs. The partnerships formed through OHTs will enhance our ability to rapidly and effectively respond to COVID-19.



Members of the Oxford and Area OHT Coordinating Committee. A list of all of the partners can be found on our website.

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