



Thames Valley Family Health Team secures \$960,938 for team-based primary health care in Elgin County

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Elgin County, ON – The Thames Valley Family Health Team (TVFHT) and collaborating partners are thrilled to announce the approval of \$960,938 to expand team-based primary health care in Elgin County. The Hon. Rob Flack, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, joined TVFHT and partners this morning to make this important announcement.

In reflecting on the transformative impact of this healthcare funding, The Hon. Rob Flack noted that: “This investment by the Province in the Thames Valley Family Health Team, under the leadership of Premier Ford and Minister Jones, will significantly grow our primary care capacity in Elgin County. This is great news for our region and will serve nearly 1200 residents in our community.”

This investment will allow us to recruit two nurse practitioners as well as a small team of interdisciplinary health professionals who will attach residents throughout Elgin County who do not have a regular primary care provider, especially those with complex health needs, and people who are considered vulnerable and/or marginalized.

“The funding announcement today will be well received by the constituents of Elgin County”, says Cindy Bratt, Executive Director of the East Elgin Family Health Team. “Those of us who already provide team-based care in Elgin County are aware of the benefits to patients and their health outcomes. A big thank you goes out to the Ontario Government for recognizing the need in Elgin County and enabling team-based care across Elgin County.”

Andy Kroeker, Executive Director of the West Elgin Community Health Centre, adds: “This important investment will provide hope for vulnerable populations. We are committed to ensuring that every member of our community, regardless of their circumstances, receives the care and support they deserve.”

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With this expansion, we are improving attachment rates for residents and bringing us one step closer to achieving the Elgin Ontario Health Team's goal of providing team-based care to 100% of Elgin residents who desire it. The expansion also aims to elevate access to non-emergency care, reducing unnecessary visits to the emergency department.

Deanna Huggett, Executive Director of the Elgin Ontario Health Team, says: "This expansion of team-based primary care in Elgin County marks a pivotal advancement in strengthening our healthcare system. Now, we are not just enhancing care for people but also contributing to the overall resilience and efficiency of our healthcare system."

The Thames Valley Family Health Team extends heartfelt appreciation to all individuals involved for their dedicated work and collaborative efforts in making this expansion a reality.