

ONTARIO SPECIAL NEEDS STRATEGY – INTEGRATED REHABILITATION SERVICES

CHATHAM KENT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2016

On behalf of the Chatham Kent Integrated Rehabilitation Implementation Steering Committee, we would like to update you about the activities and progress we have made in our community of Chatham Kent.

Context

All of the service delivery areas in Ontario submitted proposals for how they would provide integrated rehab services. The proposals provided details on how core service requirements would be operationalized and demonstrate improvements in the way that families, children and youth would experience occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language services. These rehab services will be easier to access and seamless from birth through the school years.

Chatham Kent's proposal for Integrated Rehabilitation Services was submitted to the ministries October 2015.

Feedback to Tables – April 2016 –July 2016

The ministries have completed their comprehensive review of the proposals and provided feedback to each of the service areas in Ontario. The feedback outlined the strengths of proposals as well as where clarification and improvements may be needed. In June 2016 the ministries released the *Program Guidelines for the Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services* which provided the following information:

- Year 1 Implementation:2016-17 expectations
- Core service requirements and direction to service delivery areas regarding the implementation of consistent practices across the province.
- Performance Measures and indicators which will be used across the province. These indicators will focus on the performance of each service delivery area with regard to its ability to provide an integrated system which supports seamless, effective and timely delivery of occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language services. These measures will begin to build the foundation for service delivery accountability and reporting requirements.

Beginning to Explore and Develop Implementation Plans – Fall 2016

In Fall 2016, the ministries have indicated that they will meet with each local service area to confirm its implementation plan. During these meetings they will review the local service plan's alignment with the program guidelines and the community's readiness for implementation. In order to support this discussion, Chatham Kent is engaged in some 2016-17 planning activities in preparation for implementation in 2017-2018.

Confidentiality of proposal details as required by the ministries: “*We continue to recommend that tables maintain confidentiality of their proposals as appropriate until the ministries have communicated with tables regarding implementation.*”

Attached please find a publication from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services: “*Program Guidelines for the Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services Ontario’s Special Need Strategy for Children and Youth*”

Sincerely

Chatham Kent Integrated Rehabilitation Implementation Steering Committee