

Working with the LHINs

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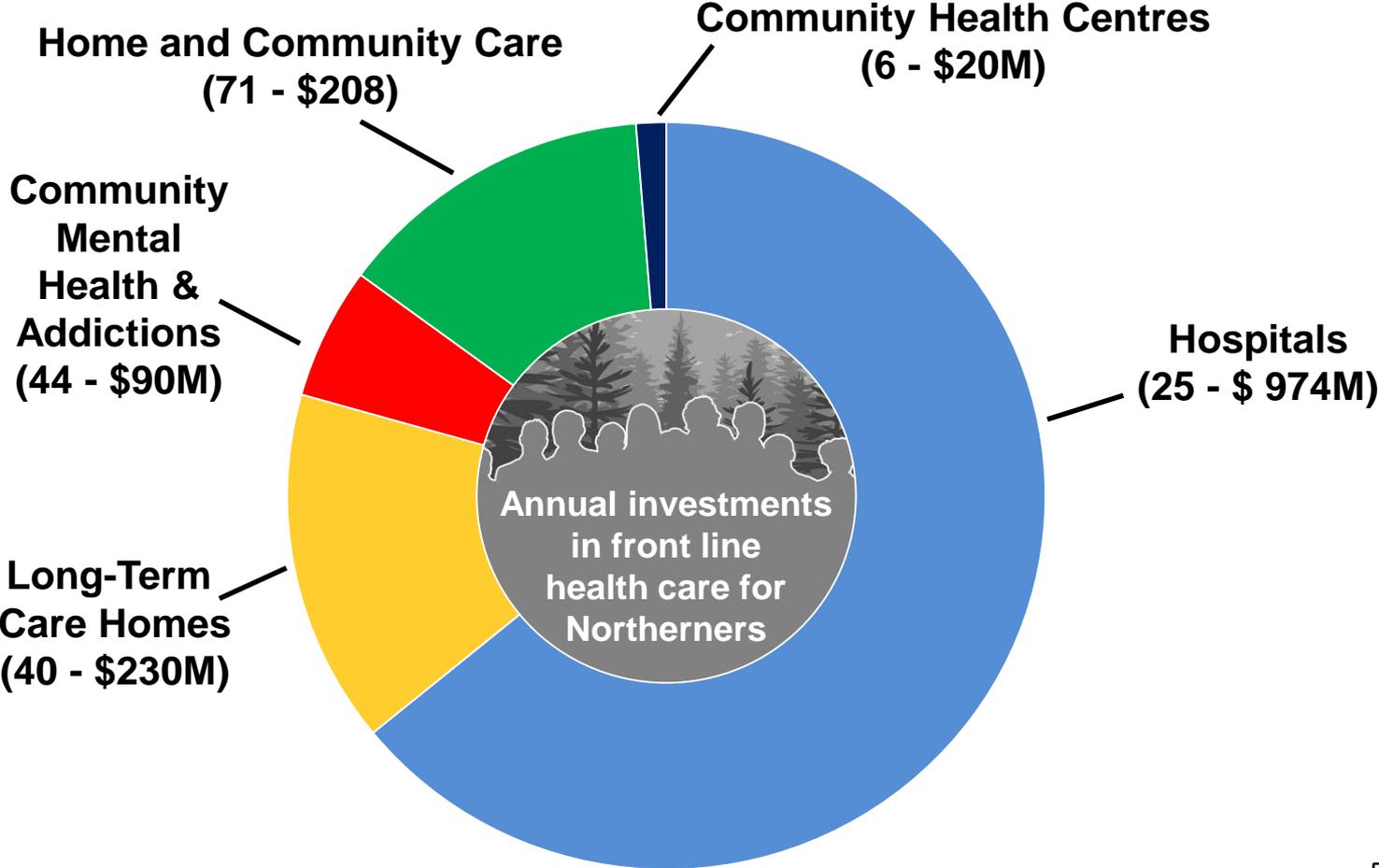
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The North East LHIN

At a glance

- One of the largest of 14 LHINs in Ontario, we are responsible for planning, integrating, and funding health care services for about 550,000 people across 400,000 square kilometers.
- We also provide home and community care services to 17,000 people across Northeastern Ontario, including nursing, personal support, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, speech language pathology, and dietetic services.
- The NE LHIN employs about 700 people across 20 offices.
- The NE LHIN holds accountability agreements with about 150 health service providers who deliver front-line care.

Every year, the NE LHIN provides \$1.5 billion to about 150 health service providers who deliver about 200 programs and services for more than 562,000 Northerners.



NE LHIN Region

5 Sub-Regions

Dispersed

- 395,920 square kilometres
- 44% of Ontario land mass
- 4.1% of Ontario's population (551,795 Census population)

Diverse

- 22.5% Francophone
- 13.4% Indigenous/First Nation/Métis
- 20.6% age 65 and over
- 27% age 65 and over by 2026

Risk Factors

- More smokers (24.1% vs 16.7%)
- More heavy drinkers (22% vs 18.2%)
- More adults overweight or obese (69.6% vs 61.4%)



System Alignment

Patients First

Improve the Patient Experience

Mandate Letter – Ministry/NE LHIN Collective Priorities

- Improve access to primary care & reduce wait times for specialist care, mental health and addictions, home and community, acute care
- Break down silos between sectors and providers to ensure seamless transitions for patients
- Support innovation by delivering new models of care and digital solutions

NE LHIN Current Integrate Health Service Plan

Access – Coordination – System Sustainability

LHIN Priorities

Capacity, Mental Health and Addictions, Home and Community Care, Primary Care, Digital Health, French Language Services, Indigenous Health

Sub-Regions

- Sub-regions are the **focal point** for population based planning, service alignment, integration, and performance improvement.
- Sub-regions identify and respond to **population health needs and help to improve equity** of services for residents .
- NE LHIN supports each **sub-region through locally developed solutions** where providers and patients connect regularly to advance the system of care for residents.

Sub-Regions are NOT:

- Service boundaries – patients will continue to have their choice of where to receive services.
- A bureaucratic layer in health care service delivery.
- Financial managers – they **inform** decision-making on local investments.

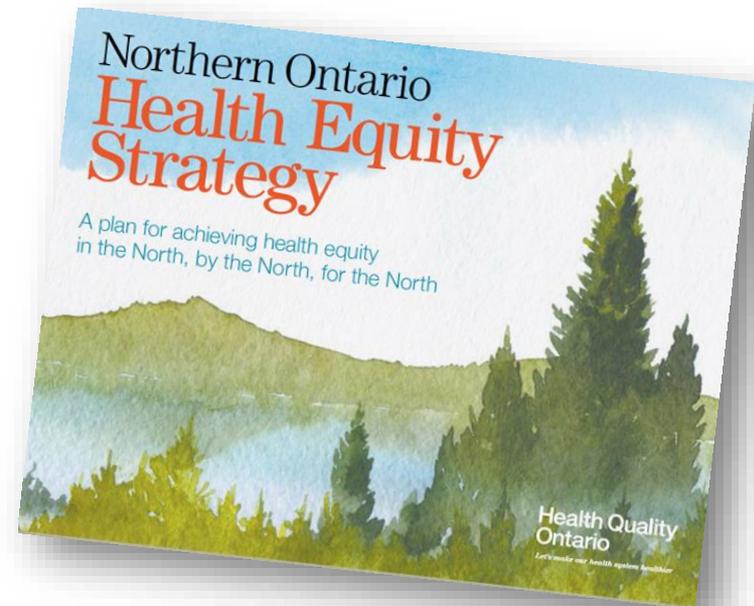
Collaborative Tables

- Collaborative Tables are focussed on the needs of the local population.
- As per the Patients First Act and Mandate Letter (2017), Sub-Regions and local Collaborative Tables are being formed across Northeastern Ontario (about 15)
- Collaborative Tables include senior level system leaders working to identify local priorities, gaps in care, and develop and implement solutions
- Many representatives of Northeastern Ontario's DSSABs are key participants in the Collaborative Tables



Recent NE LHIN Work with System Partners

- Collaborated with North West LHIN, Health Quality Ontario, public health units and others on region's first **Northern Health Equity Strategy**.
- **Interprofessional Primary Care – Equity Team Clinics**, investing \$20.5M to help to ensure quality primary health care is more accessible to vulnerable Northerners.
- Invested \$1.6 million in four regions as part of the **Regional Opioid Strategy** to increase access to treatment and care coordination closer to where Northerners live.



Putting Patients First

NE LHIN is focused on:

- working in partnership to build a stronger system of care
- supporting the delivery of more seamless services across the full continuum
- keeping patients at the centre of all work

Desired outcomes, improved:

- patient experience
- system performance
- population health



Thank You

Questions?

Quality health care when you need it.

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