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Protocol Launched to Address Human Sex Trafficking in the Region of Peel

MISSISSAUGA, ON (November 30, 2016) – Trillium Health Partners – Chantel’s Place hosted an event for the Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee to launch a protocol to address the issue of human sex trafficking within the Region of Peel.

“The Region of Peel is known nationwide for its collaborative models. The work the Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee has done on the protocol is just another example of how we are leaders in creating healthier communities and advocating on behalf of vulnerable populations.” Said Michelle DiEmanuele, CEO, Trillium Health Partners

Service providers in the Region of Peel are now better equipped to address the issue of human trafficking, thanks to the work of the Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee, which is made up of more than 22 community, law enforcement and medical service providers from across the Peel Region. The protocol provides an overview of the issue of human trafficking and streamlines supports for the victims/survivors. The committee hopes the protocol will increase knowledge and awareness of human trafficking in the Region of Peel and spur action against the issue.

“Human trafficking is a complex issue which involves diverse victims facing unique and different circumstances” said Constable Joy Brown “It is my hope that with the creation of this protocol it will provide our service providers with the necessary tools to further assist them in providing support and care to victims/survivors.”

Human trafficking is a growing problem in the Region of Peel. All sectors are touched by this issue. The Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee has recently launched a community facing campaign to promote awareness about the issue of human trafficking and help victims to come forward. The campaign includes posters that have been posted across the community that provide victims with facts on human trafficking and contact info for victims/survivors to reach out to for help.

“As police and community service providers, it is our responsibility to prevent victimization, enforce the human trafficking laws, including the prosecution of offenders, and to ensure that victims have the supports and services they need to begin to put their lives back together.” Said Chief Jennifer Evans, Peel Regional Police

About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based, acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a research and teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Mississauga Academy of Medicine.

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