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ONTARIO TO BOOST ACCESS TO CARE IN MISSISSAUGA

Trillium Health Partners will receive additional support to address capacity

October 25, 2017 (Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners (THP) is pleased to share the Government of Ontario has announced it is making over 2,000 additional beds and spaces available to help support hospitals and regions with the highest capacity challenges in the province.

THP will receive funding for up to 99 dedicated beds to support transitional care spaces outside of the hospital, ensuring those who no longer require care in a hospital setting can transition safely to home or community care. Over the coming months, THP will work in partnership with the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (MH LHIN), West Park Healthcare Centre, Halton Healthcare and other partners to see how we can best utilize the new funding to support our growing community.

Today's announcement is part of ongoing work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and MH LHIN to address THP's significant capacity challenges. THP has a multi-pronged plan to address our capacity challenges now and into the future. Over the past year, we opened a new Complex Continuing Care unit, expanded the Credit Valley Hospital Emergency Department and received redevelopment approval to add over 500 new and 500 replacement beds at our Mississauga and Queensway hospital sites.

We continue to develop new innovative care models to increase capacity in the medium-term, including: the development of a Seniors' Health Campus, expanding bundled care programs, and continued partnership with Runnymede Healthcare Centre. The investment in THP announced this week will help us bridge the gap as we work towards expanding two of our hospitals in the next decade.

QUICK FACTS:

New Bed Capacity

Trillium Health Partners will gain access to the following beds to address capacity:

- 5 new beds dedicated to THP located at West Park Healthcare Centre.
- 72 regional beds working with local partners, which will allow THP to transfer patients from one of our hospitals to the most appropriate setting.
- 22 additional Bridges to Care beds.

About Trillium Health Partners

- THP is one of the busiest hospitals in Ontario with over 1.6 million patients' visits.
- Last year THP performed 63,230 surgeries, delivered 8,634 babies and cared for 270,929 patients in our Emergency Departments (ED) and Urgent Care Centre.
- The hospital has been experience higher numbers of Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients. Last year THP had an average of 166 beds that were occupied by patients who could receive care outside of the hospital.

QUOTES:

“Trillium Health Partners is seeing a continual and unprecedented demand for services as our community grows and changes. We welcome the government’s support which will directly benefit our patients and assist in addressing our significant capacity challenges. We have taken immediate action and assembled a team to expedite a plan for the new beds. We thank our community for their continued support.”

Michelle DiEmanuele

President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners

“Our government is taking action to ensure people across Ontario have access to the care they need, when and where they need it. By investing in hospitals, community care and home care, we are reducing wait times and improving access to health care services across our health system’s entire continuum of care.”

Dr. Eric Hoskins

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Ontario is rising to meet the needs of changing demographics by addressing additional pressures facing the province’s public health care system. That’s why our government is making historic investments in our hospitals, including additional funding for more beds in regions with the highest capacity challenges in the province.”

Charles Sousa

Minister of Finance and MPP for Mississauga South

“With more people using our hospitals, demand is ever-increasing. As we continue to work with Trillium Health Partners, and all our partners, to identify pressures that are impacting the flow of patients into an appropriate bed for the level of complexity of care, this funding will help improve access to care in our region for patients, and comes at an crucial juncture when Trillium Health Partners is preparing for an increase in demand for their services during flu season.”

Bill MacLeod

CEO, Mississauga Halton LHIN

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About Bridges to Care Program

The *Bridges to Care Program* is a partnership between the Mississauga Halton LHIN, Halton Healthcare and Trillium Health Partners that focuses on providing short-term, enhanced supports in the community to support safer and smoother patient transitions from hospital to a home-like setting in the community ensuring people continue to receive quality care in the most appropriate setting. In the *Bridges to Care Program*, patients can safely move from hospital to a home-like setting in the community which could be a long-term care home, retirement home, assisted living facility or a personal dwelling. Here, they can enjoy the benefits of a safe, comfortable environment where they can regain strength and independence, while making important decisions about next steps. The goal of this model of care is to improve the patient experience, while providing temporary relief to capacity pressures in hospital, while also enabling access to acute (hospital) care for people in need of that level of support.

About Trillium Health Partners

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health

Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

Learn More:

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