



ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
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### Media Release

The Addictions and Mental Health Services – Hastings Prince Edward (AMHS-HPE) Board of Directors is extremely pleased to announce that the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has approved funding for the addition of **Clinical Counselling**, which will complement the current basket of Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) services already offered through AMHS-HPE. This funding will now provide clients who are referred and/or receiving clinical services, with therapeutic clinical counselling as part of the treatment plan.

Prior to this funding, in the Hastings and Prince Edward County region, clients requiring longer-term, registered, clinical therapeutic counselling as part of their treatment plan, would need to resource this service, either through their employer or by purchasing the resource independently.

This is a significant and ongoing investment into AMHS-HPE and fully aligns with the redesign of the AMH system that will:

- Unify and Interconnect the System - transitions will be seamless, whether they are between hospital and community or with other services;
- Respond - adapting to the needs of the clients using evidence that incorporates clinical outcomes, value for money, and client satisfaction;
- Deliver a Common Basket of Services – enabling clients to receive the right care, at the right time, and in the right place;
- Centralize Access – simplifying the process of accessing care for clients, caregivers, and health service providers; and
- Offer Opportunities for Training and Education – helping providers and patients in managing diverse and complex needs.

This has been a collaborative effort on behalf of our AMH partners across the South East, Quinte Health Care Corporation, Boards, staff and most importantly the clients we are here to serve. AMHS-HPE will initiate the process to operationalize this investment as soon as possible.

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“We strongly believe in the services offered by Addictions and Mental Health Services – Hastings Prince Edward, and are happy to provide additional funding to help further support the mental health and well-being of their clients.”

*-Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN*