

## **Media Release: Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team Achieves Exemplary Standing Accreditation**

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Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team makes history with first-ever collaborative accreditation, achieving Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada

May 22, 2024 – Huron Perth & Area, Ontario – The Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team (HPA-OHT) is proud to announce that our collaborative of 10 organizations has received the esteemed Accredited with Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada. This marks the first time in Canada that a collaborative has been evaluated and accredited as an integrated system rather than as individual organizations. This prestigious recognition underscores the exceptional quality of care and patient safety provided by the HPA-OHT, setting a new standard for healthcare in our region.

### **A Unique Collaborative Achievement:**

What sets this accreditation apart is that it is awarded to a collective of ten organizations, including nine of our member organizations and the HPA-OHT itself. This collaborative effort demonstrates the power and effectiveness of unified healthcare delivery, highlighting how different organizations working together can achieve extraordinary results. The HPA-OHT Accreditation Collaborative includes the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth, Clinton Family Health Team, Community Living North Perth, Huron Health System, Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, Knollcrest Lodge, Listowel-Wingham & Area Family Health Team, ONE CARE Home and Community Support Services, West Perth Village, and the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team.

### **Why It Matters:**

Achieving Exemplary Standing reflects our collective commitment to delivering the highest care standards. This designation signifies that the HPA-OHT Accreditation Collaborative meets and exceeds the rigorous performance standards set by Accreditation Canada. It speaks volumes about the current quality of care and our dedication to ongoing improvements.

### **Significance of Exemplary Standing:**

Exemplary Standing is awarded to organizations with exceptional performance and commitment to quality care. This accreditation process involves a thorough evaluation of services, identifying both strengths and areas for improvement, and ensuring that we continue to lead in quality care.

### **Leadership Quotes on This Achievement:**

HPA-OHT leadership expressed their pride and vision for the collaborative's future with the following statements:

"This holistic approach to accreditation highlights our commitment to a truly integrated health system, reflecting our collective dedication to fostering a health community that is greater than the sum of its parts," said HPA-OHT Director Joelle Lamport-Lewis.

"By combining a strong vision of working together, a great foundation of trust, and a collective accountability to those we jointly serve, our collaborative is clearly placing the diverse health and

wellness needs of our community at the core of what we do,” added Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance CEO and President Andrew Williams. “Kudos to all involved in this exciting and necessary collaborative.”

A notable commendation from one of the lead surveyors stated, “We really believe that the HPA-OHT will be a model for other OHTs,” highlighting the innovative nature of the HPA-OHT model.

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**About Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team (HPA-OHT):**

The Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team (HPA-OHT) is a group of health and social service partners who are committed to creating an integrated, sustainable, and people-driven system of care.

An Ontario Health Team is a new service delivery model designed to integrate care delivery and funding, which will enable patients, families, communities, providers, and system leaders to better work together, innovate, and build on what is best in Ontario’s health care system.

HPA-OHT’s goal is to create a sustainable people-driven system that strives to provide a positive experience for all.