

**New Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team  
launches to elevate and enhance healthcare**

*Southlake Community and South Simcoe Ontario Health Teams join together  
to connect care in their communities*

**December 15, 2023** – The Southlake Community Ontario Health Team and the South Simcoe Ontario Health Team have come together to create the new Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team. Many factors, including increasing access to healthcare services for their communities, the proximity in geographic location, shared populations, and providing high-quality community healthcare were at the forefront of the decision to merge the two Ontario Health Teams (OHT).

The Southlake Community OHT and the South Simcoe OHT both shared an overarching goal of bringing connected care to the communities they serve, ensuring that the unique needs of their populations are met. The Northern York South Simcoe OHT will prioritize improving access to healthcare and reducing gaps in the healthcare system for these communities.

“As the communities we serve grow and change, it is essential that we broaden our horizons to meet our patients’ needs,” said Gayle Seddon, Executive Director, Southlake Community OHT. “In the spirit of collaboration and providing high-quality care, the Northern York South Simcoe OHT is forging a new path of excellence to elevate service offerings in our communities and transform the healthcare landscape.”

The Southlake Community OHT was part of the first cohort of OHTs approved in Ontario and has been operational since 2020. The South Simcoe OHT has been waiting for Ministry approval since 2019.

“As we enter this new chapter, meeting the needs of our population and communities will remain as the driving force in the work we do,” said Jody Levac, President and CEO, Stevenson Memorial Hospital. “We are eager to enter this new era of unity, demonstrating our commitment to collaboration, community care, and quality partnerships.”

The Northern York South Simcoe OHT will focus on shaping the future of collaborative healthcare for the residents of Newmarket, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Georgina, New Tecumseth (Alliston, Beeton, Tottenham), Cookstown, Essa Township (including Base Borden), Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and the Town of Mono.

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## **Southlake Community OHT**

The Southlake Community Ontario Health Team (SC OHT) is a partnership of health care organizations providing a wide range of high-quality health care services to the residents of Northern York Region and Southern Simcoe County. The SC OHT will bring connected care to the communities we serve, by working closely together to improve access to health care and reduce gaps in the health care system.

The SC OHT is comprised of more than 80 healthcare partners, sitting on multiple network tables. These tables include the Home Care Network Table, the Community Support Services Network Table, the Mental Health & Addiction Network Table, the Long-Term Care Network Table, the Patient, Client and Caregiver Partner Council, Primary Care Council members along with more than 300 Primary Care Providers.

To learn more about the Southlake Community OHT, visit [www.nyssobt.ca](http://www.nyssobt.ca).

## **South Simcoe OHT**

The South Simcoe Ontario Health Team (SS OHT) consists of over 20 community partners working together to develop and implement a local integrated care delivery model, servicing south Simcoe and surrounding communities.

The SS OHT is an in development OHT, consisting of healthcare partners who are dedicated to creating healthy communities through integrated connected care delivery for all.