



## **Public Notice: Colborne Rural Outreach Clinic community survey**

**Cramahe Township - October 30, 2020** - The Ontario Health Team of Northumberland (OHT-N), in partnership with Township of Cramahe, is moving forward with plans to establish a Rural Outreach Clinic in Colborne as a year-one priority initiative. As part of the process for determining which health and community care services will be provided at this location, the OHT-N is inviting area residents to complete a two-minute survey.

Local patients, caregivers, health and community care providers are working together through the OHT-N partnership to improve the coordination of care and services for our community. Formed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic in December 2019, the OHT-N is proving to be a very effective table for mobilizing community resources to create accessible health and community care for both our rural and urban communities.

With many Northumberland residents living in rural areas, a priority year-one focus for the OHT-N is establishing a rural outreach clinic to reduce barriers to care that residents in these areas may face, such as access, transportation and outreach challenges. In partnership with the Township of Cramahe, the OHT-N will therefore be launching a clinic in Colborne, at 34 Victoria Street.

A phased approach will be taken to service delivery at this location, with services introduced over time. Services will be determined based on community needs as well as health and community care provider capacity and other operational considerations.

In order to best understand community needs, the OHT-N and the municipality are inviting area residents to complete a short survey to share the top three services that would be most important for you and your family.

This survey, which will take approximately two minutes to complete, is available online until November 16<sup>th</sup>. To share your feedback, please visit [LetsTalkCramahe.ca](https://LetsTalkCramahe.ca).

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### **About the OHT-N**

Drawing on a strong history of collaboration, patients, caregivers, health and social care providers from across Northumberland County are working together to improve patient and caregiver experience of health care in our community, as well as provider work-life experience, through the Ontario Health Team (OHT) model.

On December 6, 2019, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott visited the Colborne Emergency Services Base to announce the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland (OHT-N) as one of the first 24 OHT candidates in the province. The OHT-N is now moving forward with implementing this new model of organizing and delivering health care, better connecting local patients and health care providers in order to improve patient outcomes. COVID-19 has provided an unexpected opportunity to capitalize on these partnerships.

For more information please visit the OHT-N website, [OHTNorthumberland.ca](https://OHTNorthumberland.ca), follow the team on Twitter @OHT\_Nthld, email the OHT-N directly at [info@ohtnorthumberland.ca](mailto:info@ohtnorthumberland.ca) or reach out by phone care of 905-377-7757 or 905-372-3329, ext. 2335.

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