

TERMS OF REFERENCE

INVESTIGATOR FOR CHATHAM KENT HEALTH ALLIANCE

INVESTIGATION AND REPORT

1. The Investigator will examine and report on issues related to the governance and management of Public General Hospital Society of Chatham (PGH), St. Joseph's Health Services Association of Chatham (SJH), and Sydenham District Hospital (SDH) [known collectively as the "Chatham-Kent Health Alliance" (CKHA)].
2. The Investigator will identify new strategies and/or next steps to respond to issues identified in the investigation including a governance model or models for hospital services in both the City of Chatham and the County of Kent.
3. Investigate, evaluate and make recommendations on the quality of service, the service protocols and the capabilities of the PGH and SDH Emergency Departments and the support relationship required of the SDH Emergency Department with the PGH Emergency Department (and other surrounding Emergency Departments).
4. In conducting this investigation, the Investigator will also:
 - Review the status of recommendations from all previous studies, strategies and reports regarding governance of the CKHA;
 - Consider recommendations arising from the reports and changes that resulted from these reports; and
 - Review the recommendations of any other consultant, hospital or LHIN studies that have been completed that are relevant to the current situation.
5. The Investigator will liaise with the Erie St. Clair LHIN and other stakeholders as deemed appropriate by the Investigator.
6. The Investigator may retain external resources as the Investigator deems appropriate.
7. The Investigator will report to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (the "Minister") as required by the Minister.
8. The Investigator will provide updates to the Minister or his delegate, to the Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care or his delegate, to the Associate Deputy Minister Delivery and Implementation of Health and Long-Term Care or her delegate, and to the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Erie St. Clair LHIN.
9. The Investigator will provide a final written report to the Minister, which the Minister may make public, and the Investigator shall notify parties interviewed that the report may be made public. The final report shall also be provided to the Chairs of the Boards of PGH, SJH and SDH.