Ontario’s Dementia Strategy
13th Annual Geriatric Emergency Management Nursing Network Conference
October 17, 2017
• To provide an overview of the ten strategic investments of the dementia strategy.

• Seek feedback on how the Geriatric Emergency Management Nursing Network can complement and support the delivery of the dementia strategy.
$101 million over 3 years for Ontario’s new Dementia Strategy
Supports for People Living with Dementia

**INITIATIVE**

Patient Navigation

An investment in the Alzheimer Society of Ontario’s First Link Program. Funds will be used to hire and train 46 new First Link Navigators.

**DELIVERABLES**

Patient Navigation

46 new First Link Navigators working across all 14 LHINs, proactively connecting people with dementia and their families to services and supports.

**Behavioural Supports at Home and in Community**

An investment in to the LHINs to provide BSO community supports to people with dementia and their families residing in the community.

**DELIVERABLES**

Behavioural Supports at Home and in Community

Up to 58 new FTEs that can be deployed in the community to provided support to people with responsive behaviours and their families.

**Behavioural Supports in Long-Term Care Homes**

An investment to enable LHINs to hire specialized staffing resources to enhance existing BSO service delivery models in LTC.

**DELIVERABLES**

Behavioural Supports in Long-Term Care Homes

Up to 150 new FTEs for BSO in long-term care as well as support training and stabilisation of existing BSO staffing resources.

**OUTCOMES**

- Improved patient experience
- People with dementia have greater awareness and access to community supports and services closer to home.
- People with dementia are able to stay in their homes and community longer.
## Supports for Care Partners

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<td>Community Dementia Programs and Care Partner Respite</td>
<td>An investment to enable LHINs to provide evening, overnight, emergency and specialized dementia programs and respite services.</td>
<td>Increased capacity within the health care system to provide supports to care partners. Care partners across the province have access to programs and services that meet their unique needs and circumstances. Reduced care partner stress and fatigue.</td>
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<td>Care Partner Education and Training</td>
<td>An investment to build a sustainable care partner education and training program across the province.</td>
<td>Education and training for 8,261 new care partners across 14 LHIN regions. Ongoing training to 7,630 continuing care partners.</td>
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### Community Dementia Programs and Care Partner Respite

- Expand community dementia programming to include more spaces for evening/overnight care, specialized programming for those with early onset dementia and responsive behaviours and transportation to and from programs.
The health care workforce has increased capacity to provide care that meets the unique needs of people living with dementia in the communities where they live.
## Alignment with Other Ministry Initiatives

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<td><strong>Patient’s First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care</strong></td>
<td>Three-year plan to transform the home and community health care sector through increased funding and higher quality, more consistent and better integrated home and community care.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to Specialists Strategy</strong></td>
<td>Bringing down wait times for specialists by improving the referrals process, better coordinating care, improving access to the right providers.</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Support Worker Strategy</strong></td>
<td>To create a strong PSW workforce with the capacity to deliver high quality personal support services in the home and community care sector now and in the future.</td>
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<td><strong>Health Quality Ontario: Dementia Community Quality Standard</strong></td>
<td>This quality standard addresses care for people living with dementia in the community. The quality standard focuses on care provided by primary care, specialist care, hospital outpatient, home care, and community support services. It also provides guidance on support for caregivers of people living with dementia.</td>
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<td><strong>ALC Strategy</strong></td>
<td>The Ministry has developed a two phased ALC Strategy. The strategy seeks to reduce ALC rates in the immediate term through the implementation of short-term transitional care models and increasing supportive housing. Lessons learned from short-term transitional care models will inform the development of a longer-term approach.</td>
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Evaluating the 10 strategic investments is a key component of the dementia strategy.

Data collected through the dementia strategy will:
- Enable the ministry to monitor the progress and impact of the strategy.
- Increase understanding of dementia populations and inform the ministry’s dementia capacity planning work.

The ministry is looking to collect data on:
- Patient experience
- Care partner well-being
- Long-term care demand
- Alternate Level of Care (ALC) days
- Referrals
The Dementia Capacity Planning (DCP) Project was established to support persons with dementia and their care partners while managing the increasing demands of providing dementia care on the health system.

The project is currently focused on ensuring community-dwelling persons with dementia safely remain in their homes and communities longer and care partner well-being.

Dementia capacity planning will provide tools and other supports to enable LHINs to develop capacity plans that meets provincial objectives while responding to local planning needs. For example, LHINs will receive a regional profile tool containing the following information:

- Standardized data on the local dementia population and their health needs.
- Evidence on effective community interventions on their local population and system use (e.g., the effect of care partner education on delaying need for long-term care by the community-dwelling persons with dementia).
Next Steps

**Autumn 2017:**
- Begin implementation of the dementia strategy.

**Winter 2018:**
- Planning for Year 2 investments.

**Spring 2018:**
- Evaluation of Year 1 investments and rollout of Year 2 investments.