



Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community (HHC) Planning Table meetings that was held on January 28, 2025. Please share these key messages broadly with interested partners and stakeholders.

1. The second Community Partner Webinar was held on February 4, 2025. The webinar included an update on the work and achievements of the Wellington-Guelph Health & Housing Community Planning Table, and the recording can be viewed [here](#). The next Community Partner Webinar will be held in April 2025.
2. The People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Group has been meeting regularly. The group is currently working on developing a vision statement for the Health and Housing Community Plan. The vision statement will be shared with the Planning Table at the February meeting.
3. The PWLE Advisory Group and Planning Table have finalized an engagement process, which includes Advisory Group members attending Planning Table Meetings. Advisory Group members would like to invite specific members of the Planning Table based on the relevance of topics discussed.
4. Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Services were invited and joined the Planning Table, represented by Colleen Clack-Bush.
5. The Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Services took the lead on applying for the Health Canada Emergency Treatment Funding - Health Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) in November 2024. Guelph-Wellington's proposal was successfully accepted, congratulations! GCHC will offer the mobile services in Guelph and Sanguen Health Centre will offer the rural mobile services in the County.
6. The 'Guelph Wellington HART Hub' proposal was successful, as announced on January 2nd, 2025. Congratulations to all who contributed to the application directly and to community partners who have supported the collaborative efforts! The HART Hub will be adding 8 withdrawal management beds, 8 crisis stabilization beds, and an integrated crisis centre. The focus is on stabilization so that the team can connect clients to the appropriate level of support.
7. The Table received an update regarding the Winter Response Plan. Through this plan, shelter units are available (including at the 128 Norfolk shelter in Guelph and some hotel rooms in the County) for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness until April 2025. Planning Table Members are asked to share this information broadly. In December, 29 people were offered to come into 128 Norfolk from encampments, of those, 11 chose not to come into shelter. Recent rule changes allow couples and pets in shelter units to reduce barriers to people needing shelter. Tangibles were provided to 21 unique individuals in the county, including grocery cards, laundry cards, etc. The County is finalizing a Winter Response Report.