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The Elgin Ontario Health Team (Elgin OHT) has hired its first Executive Director.

Deanna Huggett will be joining the team March 28, sharing her extensive experience in health care, including her current role at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health where she is Manager of Implementation and Quality Improvement.

“Deanna brings a wealth of experience to the Elgin OHT. She is passionate about transforming health care through the work of the OHTs and has experience working with Ontario Health, including the development of OHT quality improvement plans. We look forward to working closely with her to help shape the future of our local health care and services within Elgin County,” says Judith Wiley, Chief Executive Officer of the Central Community Health Centre and co-Chair, Elgin OHT.

Deanna has an in depth understanding of building partnerships across primary care providers. She recognizes the needs of our community and will be a great asset in connecting local health care organizations.

Health team co-chairs Judith Wiley and Karen Davies (President and CEO at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital) are excited to be growing and expanding the team and look forward to the further development of key projects that are underway, including a first year focus to address respiratory disease, which has a significant prevalence in Elgin County compared to the rest of the province.

About Ontario Health Teams

OHTs are a new model of organizing and delivering healthcare to better connect patients and providers in their communities and improve patient outcomes. Integrated care teams will ensure patients experience better coordinated health care that allows them to access and navigate the system more easily, and to be better supported as they transition from one healthcare provider or from one setting to another.

The province now has a total of 50 Ontario Health Teams, which will cover 92 per cent of the province's population at maturity. Learn more about the Elgin OHT: [Elgin Ontario Health Team](#)

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