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## **London Health Sciences Centre invites community to reimagine future of health care delivery**

**London, ON** — London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is developing its new Master Plan and is encouraging the community to reimagine what the future of health care looks like 10, 20 and 30 years from now by completing a short [online survey](#). The survey is available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic, and will be open until June 17.

London and Middlesex are growing, and the health care needs within the community are changing. A new Master Plan will ensure LHSC evolves alongside the communities it serves and that people can continue to access the care they need well into the future.

“Master Planning is a chance to reimagine the future of health care, shaping care delivery for our children and grandchildren,” says LHSC President and CEO, Dr. Jackie Schleifer Taylor. “The health system is transforming. Health care technologies are advancing, and the pandemic has accelerated their adoption. This is an incredibly important time as we plan for our future. I invite everyone to add their voice to this process by completing our survey.”

Over the coming months, LHSC will connect with members of the community, care partners, local organizations, as well as staff and physicians. The goal is to understand perspectives on how LHSC supports the community now, and how it should evolve over the coming decades.

Submitting a Master Plan to Ontario’s Ministry of Health is the first step in a multistep capital planning process. An approved Master Plan is needed to advance any capital projects, such as the renovation, expansion or building of facilities. The submission will include two parts – a Master Program outlining programs needed to deliver health care services in the future, and a Master Plan that lays out the physical infrastructure needed to support them.

Community engagement is one part of the Master Planning process, which also includes extensive research, data analysis and infrastructure review. In early 2023, options for LHSC’s Master Plan will be presented to the community, who will have the opportunity to weigh in before a selection is made. LHSC is expected to submit its Master Plan to the Ministry of Health in late spring 2023.

For questions about the Master Planning process and how to get involved, visit <https://www.lhsc.on.ca/master-planning>.

## **About London Health Sciences Centre**

With roots going back a century and a half, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), is an award-winning, research-intensive acute tertiary and quaternary teaching hospital, one of only 14 such hospitals in Ontario. LHSC is also home to Children's Hospital, one of just four acute tertiary care paediatric hospitals in the province. Our unique place in the health system positions us well to inform and advise on provincial, national and international health policy.

We are the cornerstone of care for many specialized programs and services in Western Ontario. And, as a major provider of emergency care and through our community hospital mission, we also care for the more than 400,000 people who call London home as well as many in surrounding communities. With Ontario's health system continuing its transformation, LHSC has an opportunity to inform it and to place itself at the locus of the regionalized health system by virtue of its size, specialized capabilities, research and education capacity and its current regional footprint.

LHSC's formal relationship and strong bond with Western University provides a mechanism for collaboration to enable the delivery of high quality care through a process of continuous learning and research. At its core, the affiliation is a reciprocal relationship that leverages the learning, teaching and care environments of both Western University and LHSC.

LHSC is a 15,000 person strong team of physicians, staff and volunteers – collaborators, innovators and pioneers, meeting the care needs of those we serve and charting a course for the future

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