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Province Funding New Consumption and Treatment Services Site for Peterborough and Surrounding Area

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Peterborough — As part of its comprehensive plan to build a modern and connected mental health and addictions system that meets the

unique needs of individuals, families, and caregivers, the Ontario government is approving a new Consumption and Treatment Services site in Peterborough. The site will provide residents in Peterborough and the surrounding area with access to addiction services closer to home.

"Building a connected mental health system, from prevention to recovery, is a critical component of building a stronger and healthier Ontario," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Ontario remains committed to working with communities to establish a network of programs and services in areas with the greatest need to save lives and connect Ontarians with life-saving treatment and rehabilitation services."

The new Peterborough Consumption and Treatment Services site will be located at 220 Simcoe Street and will be operated by Fourcast, a community-based addictions treatment provider in Peterborough.

Since 2019, Ontario has now approved 17 Consumption and Treatment Services sites in communities across the province. This model of service saves lives by preventing overdose deaths and connecting individuals who need it to addictions treatment, mental health services, primary care, and social services.

"We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has created new and more complex obstacles for Ontarians experiencing mental health or addiction challenges," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "With this new site, our government is helping to ensure that Ontarians in Peterborough and the surrounding region have access to the high-quality mental health and addictions care they expect and deserve."

Quick Facts

- Under [Roadmap to Wellness](#), Ontario has announced an increase of \$525 million in annualized funding for mental health and addictions services and supports since 2019-20. This includes \$175 million for more mental health and addictions services in 2021-2022 through the [2021 Budget](#), \$176 million invested in October 2020 and new funding of \$174 million invested in 2019-20.
- In October 2021, Ontario announced the development of a [new mobile mental health and addictions clinic](#) to improve access to mental health and addictions care for unserved and underserved areas in Peterborough and the surrounding region.
- In 2020-21, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the province invested up to \$194 million in one-time emergency funding to support the continuity of service delivery during the pandemic.
- [Breaking Free Online](#) is a free online therapy tool designed to help

Ontarians aged 16 and older reduce or stop the use of over 70 substances, such as tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, including opioids.

- [BounceBack](#) is a free cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) program that offers guided mental health self-help supports for adults and youth 15 and older.
- To find the right mental health and addictions supports and get information about many confidential and free options, please visit Ontario.ca/MentalHealth.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Expands Support for Addictions Treatment in Kitchener](#)
- [Ontario Launches New Addictions Recovery Fund](#)
- [Protecting Our Progress](#)
- [2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#)
- Visit Ontario's [COVID-19 vaccine web page](#) to view the latest provincial data and information on COVID-19 vaccines.
- Visit Ontario's COVID-19 information [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from the virus.
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