

Ontario Intends To Appoint Supervisor At Niagara Health System

McGuinty Government Listens To The Public

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The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care today notified Niagara Health System (NHS) of her intent to recommend that a supervisor be appointed for the hospital.

These steps are being taken in order to restore necessary public confidence in the local hospital system. Despite the hospital's best efforts, doubts remain about its ability to meet Niagara-area residents' expectations of their local health care system.

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care must give at least 14 days notice to the board of a hospital of her intent to recommend that a supervisor be appointed. On the minister's recommendation, the government may appoint a supervisor when it is in the public interest.

QUOTES

"I want to thank all the Niagara Health System staff for working so hard to provide the best possible patient care. I know they're doing their absolute best under difficult circumstances. But I can't ignore the fact that a very large segment of the public has lost necessary confidence in this hospital's administration. As health minister, it's my job to listen to Ontarians and take the right steps. I want to keep working with the people of the Niagara region to improve the quality of patient care and ensure that the Niagara Health System will be strong for years to come. To make sure that NHS is on the right track, I think it's important that there is a leader within the hospital system who reports directly to me."

- Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

QUICK FACTS

- [Niagara Health System](#) is Ontario's largest multi-site hospitals comprised of six hospital sites and one ambulatory care centre including: Greater Niagara General (Niagara Falls), St. Catharines General Hospital, Welland Hospital, Douglas Memorial (Fort Erie), Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Colborne General Site and Ontario Street Site (St. Catharines).
- The NHS serves 434,000 residents across 12 municipalities that make up the Region of Niagara.