

**Date:** October 29, 2021  
**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
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**Subject:** **Key Messages – Core Steering – October 27, 2021**

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### **Key Messages**

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT Steering Committee meeting on October 27, 2021 that can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, partners etc.

- In support of the GW OHT Strategic Priority Setting Process, GW OHT Steering Committee members participated in a facilitated exercise to review engagement feedback and discuss “*What does the OHT want to achieve over next 24 months*”. Work will continue over the next two months to finalize the GW OHT strategic priorities and their associated ‘Impact Statements’ and action plans. It is anticipated that the strategic priorities will be finalized in January 2022.
- The Steering Committee endorsed two proposed changes to its membership:
  - The Steering Committee has included two Patient Advisors since January 2021. The Steering Committee endorsed, moving forward, that 1 Patient Advisor should represent Rural Wellington and 1 Patient Advisor should represent Guelph and Area and each will have a vote.
  - The Steering Committee endorsed a second voting GWPA representative. Dr. Christine Peterkin was welcomed to the group.
- Steering Committee members received an update from Dr. Mercer regarding both the anticipated immediate and longer term vaccination needs of the GW OHT community. It is expected that 400,000 vaccinations will need to be delivered over the next year or two. As such, it is a shared community responsibility to develop a plan. Overall division of vaccination delivery could be divided up into thirds between local pharmacies, WDG Public Health and primary care.
- The GW OHT Steering committee received an update from Marianne Walker about the capacity challenges being experienced by acute care in Guelph Wellington related to high Emergency Department volumes, high admission rates and a large number of patients in hospital who require an alternate level of care. The cause of the increased demand for acute care services is multifactorial. There is significant concern that if the current trends continue, we will not have sufficient acute care capacity to address the expected surge over the winter. As such, GW OHT partners committed to forming an ‘Operations Planning Table’ to identify the specific drivers contributing to the heightened acute care demand and design innovative, targeted and collaborative solutions.

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