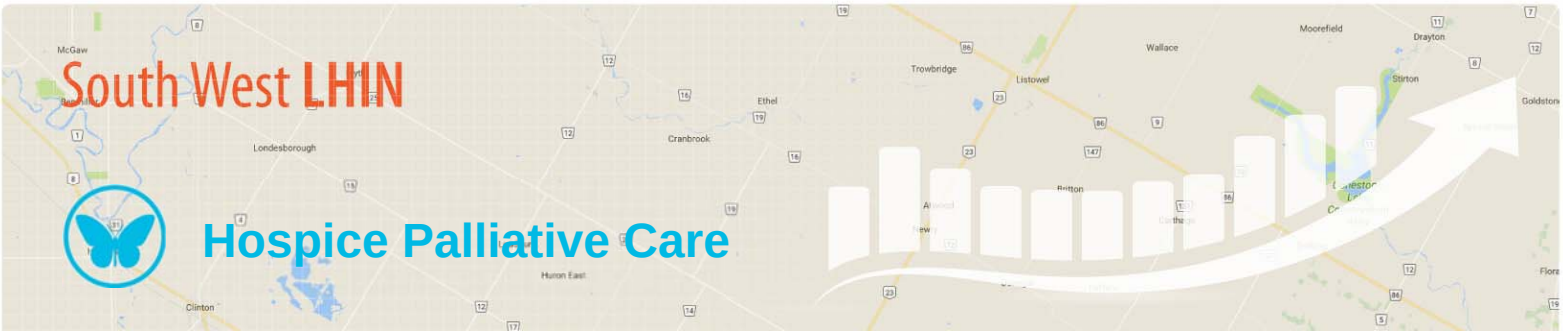
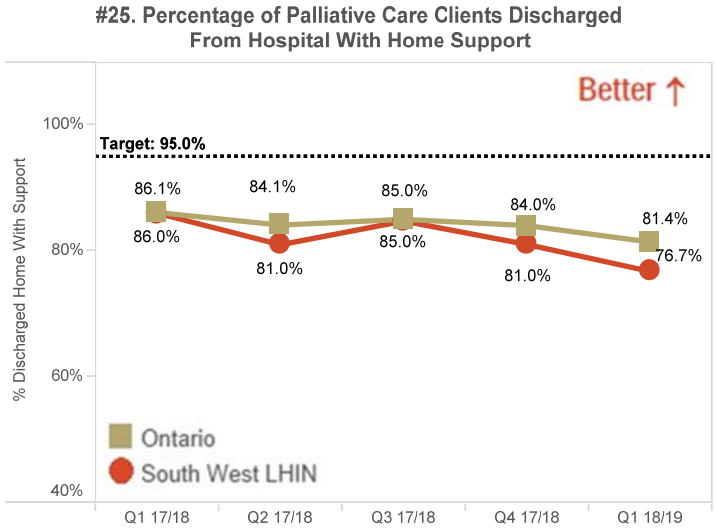


How Will We Know We Have Been Successful?

- More people with palliative care needs being supported at home

How Are We Doing?



- Three out of every four palliative care patients identified in the South West LHIN are being discharged from hospital to home-based settings with supportive care in place. Discharges from hospital to home with palliative support declined in Q1 18/19. This is primarily attributable to decreases at the South West LHIN's largest hospital, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC).
- In Q1 18/19, 67.5% of palliative patients died in their place of choice with the majority of deaths occurring in home and residential hospice. For patients support by Palliative Care Outreach teams in Q1 18/19, 90% of patients died in their place of choice.
- Average occupancy in residential hospice exceeded 90% at two of the three sites that were open for the entirety of Q1 18/19. The third site, Huron Residential Hospice, opened in May 2018 with occupancy increasing throughout the quarter.

What Is Impacting Performance?

Initiating & Planning

- **Expansion of Residential Hospice -** Expansion of residential hospice capacity for Huron Perth, Grey Bruce, and Elgin is continuing.
- **Palliative Education -** This includes the spread of early identification strategies including Advanced Care Planning and Gold Standards Framework. Service providers have been provided with a LHIN-funded bursary to support Nursing Comprehensive Advanced Palliative Care Education (CAPCE).

Executing

- **Expansion of Residential Hospice (Huron Perth) -** Huron Residential Hospice opened in May 2017 with four beds.
- **Secondary Level Outreach -** Community-based Secondary Level Palliative Care Outreach Consultation Teams are fully operational in Grey Bruce, Huron Perth, Oxford, and Elgin sub-regions. A Palliative Care Outreach model is being developed for Indigenous communities in London Middlesex and Grey Bruce.
- **Indigenous-led Coordinated Palliative Care Pathway -** An Indigenous-led Palliative Care Outreach team ("InPACT Team") has been implemented as part of the IDEAS Advanced Learning Program. Started in summer 2018, the team is now fully functional, and supporting patients to provide culturally safe coordinated palliative care.

Monitoring & Closing

- **Expansion of Residential Hospice (Grey Bruce) -** Three beds were added to Chapman House in fiscal 17/18.

Potential Future Opportunities and Considerations

- The Palliative Care Capacity report was refreshed in Q2 17/18. Recommendations will include a focus to guide the alignment of palliative care services planning to the *Ontario Palliative Care Network's Action Plan 1: 2017-2020*, released November 2017.