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## STATUS OF COMMITMENTS TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS IN KINGSTON

On April 8<sup>th</sup> 2006, the McGuinty government unveiled a multi-pronged strategy to address Long-Term Care needs in the Kingston area. The strategy involved five initiatives to improve the delivery of local long-term care immediately and in the future. The following chart outlines the progress that has been made on each of these commitments.

COMMITMENT	PROGRESS
To proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for additional long-term care beds for the Kingston area	Today's announcement calls for applications to develop 160 new long-term care beds for Kingston.
The allocation of 38 interim long-term care beds at Briargate Retirement Living Centre to expand services to people who no longer need hospital care	Briargate Retirement Living Centre has been given approval to operate 38 interim long-term care beds; the area that will house the beds is currently under renovation. The interim beds are expected to be in operation this fall.
To provide enhanced home care services through the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) to eligible clients until the 38 interim long-term care beds open	<p>This initiative has been established and has been providing services to clients since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.</p> <p>On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 the government also announced \$1,435,600 in funding to expand home care and community support services in Kingston.</p>
That Kingston General Hospital and the local CCAC would work together to develop a protocol to ensure that patients who need long-term care beds get prompt access	<p>Kingston General Hospital and the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Community Care Access Centre have developed a protocol to ensure that patients who need long-term care beds get prompt access while recognizing the need for clients in the community to also access long-term care home beds.</p> <p>Priority access is determined on the basis of a weekly review of the Alternate Levels of Care (ALC) statistics. This process has been in place since April 24, 2006. Currently there are 54 ALC patients at Kingston General Hospital.</p>

To consolidate critical care services in one area of the Kingston General Hospital over the next six months

Kingston General Hospital has received approval to consolidate 18 critical care beds into one geographic location. This will result in better and more efficient use of the beds and nursing staff. The location is being renovated and patients are scheduled to move into the renovated space this fall.

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