

Scarborough Health Network – Statement on Bill 7

We know that the longer it takes to be admitted to hospital or receive required surgeries, the worse the outcome is for the patient. This increases the stress and anxiety for patients and their families.

The best course of treatment sees patients receiving care in the appropriate setting. When patients who no longer require acute medical care remain in the hospital, people requiring surgery or emergency services are unable to receive the care they require.

At Scarborough Health Network, we have an average of 150 beds occupied by alternate level of care (ALC) patients. Physicians have determined these patients no longer require hospital services. Their care and path to recovery are better served in their home or in a long-term care facility where they are supported by restorative and rehabilitative care.

Today's announcement is an important step in ensuring our services remain available for patients who require hospitalization. Providing care in the appropriate setting allows for better outcomes for those ALC patients, patients awaiting surgery, and people requiring emergency services.

– David Graham, Interim President and CEO, SHN