# SOUTH WEST LHIN

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<sup>\*</sup>Ranking determined at 30 days

NR denotes No Ranking †Ranking determined at 180 days

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>Ranking determined at 365 days

<sup>\*\*</sup>Colour banded due to ties in rank ordering

## Regional Context: SW

**Population: 971,5000 (7% of Ontario population)** 

#### **Health Services:**

#### **Acute Care**

Level 1 Trauma Centre London Health Sciences Centre – Victoria Hospital Campus **Acute Hospitals with Neuro-Capacity** London Health Sciences Centre – University HospitalHuron Other Acute Hospitals Perth Health Alliance (Clinton, St. Mary's, Seaforth,

Stratford)

South Huron Hospital Alliance

Alexandra Marine and General Hospital

Alexandra Hospital

South Bruce Grey Health Centre (Kincardine, Durham,

Walkerton, Chesley)

Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance (Listowel Memorial

Hospital, Wingham & District Hospital)

Middlesex Hospital Alliance (Four Counties Health Services in Newbury and Strathroy Middlesex and General Hospital) Grey Bruce Health Services (Owen Sound Regional Hospital, Lion's Head Hospital, Markdale Hospital, Meaford Hospital, Southhampton Hospital and Wiarton Hospital)

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital

### **Inpatient Rehabilitation**

**Specialized ABI** St. Joseph's Health Care London, Parkwood Institute

**General** Huron Perth Health Alliance

Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance

Grey Bruce Health Services

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Woodstock General Hospital

### **Outpatient Rehabilitation**

Specialized ABI St. Joseph's Health Care London, Parkwood Institute

**General** Woodstock General Hospital Rehabilitation

Grey Bruce Health Services – single therapy services Huron Perth Health Alliance – single therapy services



**Access to Specialist:** 

**Physiatrist** 

**Psychiatrist** ✓ (limited)

Neuropsychiatrist **Behavioural psychologist Speech-language pathologist Paediatric specialist** 

**Other: Neuropsychology** ✓ (limited)

## Regional Context: SW

### **Community-based Services**

Rehabilitation by registered professionals Home and Community Care

Private – Parkwood Hospital also has private ABI services St. Joseph's Health Care London, Parkwood Institute-ABI

Outreach Program

Fowler Kennedy Sports Clinic – must be sport-related injury

Dale Brain Injury Services - psychology

Brain Injury Organizations Dale Brain Injury Services (Assisted Living, Supported Independent Living, Residential Transitional Living, Community Transitional Living, Intensive Community Transitional Living, Stroke Day Program, Group Services, Counseling, Short-Term Case Management, Consultation and Training, Respite Services)

Participation Lodge (Residential Care, Respite Services,

Outreach Services)

#### What works well in SW LHIN

- Availability of specialized ABI services with high levels of expertise and physiatrists with expertise in brain injury.
- Access to a neuro-behavioural rehabilitation inpatient program (and small neuro-behavioural Outreach component) with expertise in development and implementation of behavioural programs for individuals with ABI.
- Strong, well developed interdisciplinary outpatient program of PT, OT, SLP, social work and nursing for concussion/mTBI and moderate to severe ABI at Parkwood Main Building, St. Joseph's Health Care London.
- Strong hospital-based Outreach program with ABI expertise serving all of LHIN 2 and much of LHIN 1.
- Strong partnerships between hospital and community ABI services
- Range of community brain injury services for individuals with moderate to severe brain injuries.
- South West brain injury network representing a variety of sectors including mental health and addictions, justice, home and community care.
- Strong Brain Injury Association of London and Region which provides community awareness as well as a variety of services and support groups to survivors of brain injuries and their caregivers.
- Brain Injury sector has representation on local HSJCC.
- Private sector (rehabilitation companies and legal) has expertise in brain injury rehabilitation.

### What are some gaps, opportunities or drivers in SW LHIN

- Lack of appropriate housing, discharge destination, and/or adequate long-term home supports for clients with ABI and/or behavioural challenges within or close to their community. preventing access to some ABI services (e.g., inpatient rehab, residential transitional services).
- Long wait times for LTC, rehabilitation beds, assisted living, publicly funded specialized ABI outpatient services, and specialized community services.
- Lack of coordinated services for patients with complex needs who require services from several sectors and specialists, and limited access to psychology, neuropsychology, psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, and publicly funded lifelong services.
- Lack of awareness of intimate partner violence (IPV) related TBI and lack of partnerships between ABI and IPV sectors.
- Potential for acute care patients to be "missed" and have no follow up postdischarge.
- Lack of structure for navigation between 3rd party and publicly funded systems and most appropriate referral destination.
- Insufficient information to the public about ALC and programs to help transition care out of acute care settings.
- Home First is a good program but has limited resources. Insufficient nursing or PSW support to help patients achieve home first option.
- Increased investments in funded education programs (e.g. PSW, RPN) may help enrollment

## Regional Context: SW

### **Client Vignette**

- A young person under the age of 25 years old sustained a severe traumatic brain injury, after which they were admitted to a Trauma Centre and underwent several neurosurgeries. Once the patient was medically stable, they were transferred from acute care to inpatient specialized ABI rehabilitation. Fortunately, wait time for rehabilitation bed was not an issue, however, the mechanism of injury and circumstances surrounding injury did not allow for any access to third party funded services. Prior to their injury, the patient was living independently, but after over one year of inpatient rehab, they remained at a low functional level and required maximal assistance with all personal care and transfers, resulting in a need for 24-hour care. While the patient's behaviours improved with a structured and consistent behavioural management program, they remain a challenge and require 1:1 staffing to maintain consistency
- At the time of their injury, patient did not have significant contact with family/friends who could potentially provide support and/or caregiving. Patient remained in hospital well beyond the point when their progress plateaued and no longer required intensive daily therapy (although intensive supports continued to be required due to low level of function and challenging behaviours). This was because there was no feasible discharge destination and a lack of patient finances as they had not been receiving any source of income while in hospital. Housing specifically for clients with ABI does exist in this LHIN (mostly in one city) through community brain injury rehab services, however, the patient was not eligible for any housing/assisted living specifically for clients with ABI due to the level of care required in combination with their challenging behaviours. Other options, such as transitional funding for ABI as well as LTC were explored but ultimately not an option given the level of care needed and behavioural issues. Eventually a family member/friend who is willing to be caregiver emerged and discharge to this person's home with maximal supports through LHIN services as well as ongoing rehab and behavioural services through community brain injury services occurred. The long-term plan remains to explore ABI community beds outside of LHIN which can manage this particular patient's level of care and behaviours, given caregiver is ageing.