

THE PROBLEM

A chronic doctor shortage and a lack of walk-in clinics with extended hours in Windsor and Essex County is contributing to excessive waits at emergency rooms, persistent ambulance shortages and substandard health outcomes for regional residents.

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

- Over **31,000 residents** are without a family doctor
- Nearly **50% live in vulnerable neighbourhoods**
- The number could reach **100,000 in 5 years**



911 TRANSPORTS

- Provincial average of patients who arrive by ambulance at hospitals: **18%**
- Averages at our 3 hospitals: **38%, 31%, 23%**
- This ties up paramedic resources, contributing to **Code Blacks and Reds**
- These Code Blacks and Reds undermine public faith in the health care system



SUB-STANDARD HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES

- Premature deaths in Windsor-Essex are **56.3% higher than Ontario average**
- Potential years of lost life locally are **63.4% higher than average**
- Windsor-Essex suffers higher incidents of: hypertension, hypercholesterolaemia and other dyslipidemia, depression, asthma and acute and other respiratory diseases and disorders



THE SOLUTION

Team-based models of care focused on preventive medicine and connecting with vulnerable communities are achieving success on a small scale in Windsor-Essex. Additional provincial support will allow us to expand their reach and positive impact.

There are currently **13 Expressions of Interest** for team-based models awaiting review and approval at the ministry level. We urge you to address them on an expedited basis.