INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND
Report outlining the activities at the Norwich Medical Centre for September 2017.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. **Physician Recruitment:** The Oxford Physician Recruitment Group attended McMaster’s Kitchener, Waterloo & Area Recruitment Event in Kitchener on September 25. The event was well attended and the Group had the opportunity to speak with 20+ first and second year residents interested in a variety of practice opportunities and will be following up to provide additional information on specific practice and/or rotation opportunities. The Group is currently discussing two additional recruitment events for 2017, one with the University of Western Ontario and the second at McMaster’s downtown Hamilton campus.

The Oxford Physician Recruitment Group is scheduled to appear as a delegation at the October 25th Oxford County Council meeting to report on the Group’s activities for 2017 and to submit a request for continued funding in 2018.

2. **Patient Wait List:** Eighteen new patients have been accepted into practices since the beginning of July. There are currently 895 patients on the waiting list, with 259 of these being Township residents. All new patients calling to be added to the waiting list are provided with additional options for finding a physician, including contact numbers for Health Care Connect and information on local physicians that may be taking on additional patients.

3. **Flu Vaccine:** Flu vaccines for high-risk populations are expected the beginning of October, with vaccines for the general population expected by mid-October. As in past years, patients of the physicians at the Medical Centre will able to get the shot at the office during regular appointments or may call to find an appropriate time to receive just the immunization. The vaccine will again be available at participating pharmacies for anyone over the age of five. Public Health has not announced any public Flu Clinics, but children between the ages of six months and five years that do not have a health care
provider can receive the immunization by contacting Public Health for an appointment at 519-539-9800 or toll free at 1-800-755-0394.

4. **Roof Replacement:** There was $65,000 allocated to Roof Repairs within the 2017 Capital Budget to address some leaks that had been occurring. With the HVAC units scheduled for replacement as well, it was decided to delay work on the roof to assess whether or not the water issues were with the HVAC units themselves or with the seal between the roof and the existing curb adapters. Since there have not been any leaks noted since installation of the HVAC units was completed and the project was to be financed entirely from reserves, the decision was made to push back the project to a later date. A report will be prepared for Council’s consideration at such time as repairs or replacement are deemed necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION**
That Report MED 2017-12, Medical Centre September 2017 Activity Report, be received as information.

**ATTACHMENTS**
- None

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