

York Central opens new Mental Health Unit



Last Thursday, the York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill celebrated the grand opening of a new mental health unit. The new Inpatient Unit is 10,700 square feet and will serve adult patients with acute mental health issues. The facility allows the hospital to go from 15 to 25 beds, and Carla Palmer, the director of community programs at York Central, said the new unit enables the hospital "to become a model Schedule One facility."

Left - (Back row, left to right) Chief and Clinical Director Dr. Peter Zelina, Hospital President and CEO Bruce Harber. (Front row, left to right) Carla Palmer, Carolyn Peek and Randy Peek; significant donors to the Mental Health Program and Board of Trustees chair David Bannister.

Right - One of the new rooms in York Central Hospital's mental health unit. The secured rooms feature unbreakable windows and a lock-down mechanism that enables the room to lock when a patient has an episode.

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