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Appendix F

Waterloo Wellington LHIN Integrated Health Service Plan

IHSP Priority Setting Approach

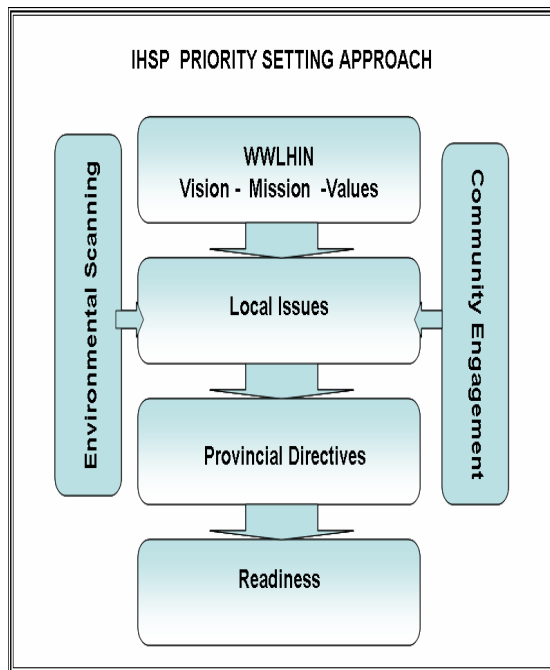
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The demand for health services is increasingly greater than the availability of publicly funded resources. As a result this resource constraint, difficult choices on how to allocate limited health system dollars must be made. This requires health system planners and decision-makers to set out priorities among competing opportunities to determine which services will be funded and which will not receive funding. What follows is an outline of the approach that the WWLHIN will use to set priorities and make decisions as we review a range of opportunities and initiatives across the system.

Initial Priority Setting Approach

In the initial stages of establishment, the WWLHIN has adopted the following approach to identifying which IHSP initiatives to prioritize, resource, and support

Priorities will be set, resourced, and supported using the following approach:



1. Alignment to **WWLHIN** Vision, Mission and Values.

2. Health system enhancement initiatives that align to **Local Priorities** as well as identified and emerging system transformation strategies. Ongoing environmental scanning and community engagement will provide input to determining local priorities. At the current time, these include local initiatives that demonstrate clear contribution to:

- **Accessibility**
- **Population Health**
- **System Effectiveness**
- **Sustainability**

3. **Provincial Directives** and initiatives that require implementation at the local level.

4. Demonstration of **Readiness** for implementation and ongoing operations will further ensure priority consideration. This includes, but is not limited to, each of the following elements:

- Health system impact to achieve identified strategies;
- Availability of resources for implementation and on-going operations – identified, secured or in progress, within the relevant categories including human resources, facilities, technology and funding; and
- Demonstration of Capacity for planning, implementation and ongoing operational management.

This forms the basis for how planning priorities for the 3 year WWLHIN planning cycle will be established.