

Home Care

Funding for home care increased 55%

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$11.8M	\$12.5M	\$15.2M	\$16.9M	\$18.3M

- Since 2007 funding for home-based care increased from \$11.8 million to \$18.3 million, or 55%.
- The number of home care clients increased from 3,366 in 2007 to 4,928 in 2011, or 28%.
- Home care staffing increased by 38% in the past five years.
- Home care services include personal care, respite care, nursing care, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.
- Since 2008, investments of \$1.3 million were made in a new Palliative Home Care Drug Pilot Program to improve access to medications at the end of life. During this period 278 patients or 22% more palliative patients were able to receive care at home, translating to a reduction of 6,620 acute care days and a cost saving of \$6.5 million.
- The Home Care for the Frail Elderly program was introduced at the QEH in September 2011. It provides additional hours of home care to frail seniors to allow them to return home from hospital sooner and remain safely at home longer. There are currently 25 clients in the program.
- The Two-Week Post Acute Supplies program provides medical supplies to patients who are discharged from hospital to home care. The program alleviates the financial burden for patients which can be a barrier to discharge from hospital.

