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Brian Ostrander
Warden
County of Northumberland
County of Northumberland Headquarters
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Dear Warden Ostrander:

**Re: Ministry of Health Dedicated Offload Nurses Program Agreement with the
County of Northumberland effective April 1, 2024**

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health will provide the County of Northumberland with up to \$163,800 in one-time funding for the 2024/25 funding year to support the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program. This investment will continue to support the low ambulance offload times that local hospitals have achieved for several years. I congratulate you and your partners for maintaining ambulance availability and providing timely access to emergency health care across your community, and I hope this support will further those efforts.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Emergency Health Services Division will write to the County of Northumberland shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the health care needs of Ontarians. Our government will continue to build and strengthen our public health system in your community and across the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones', written in a cursive style.

Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

- c: Jennifer Moore, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Northumberland
- Susan Brown, Chief, Northumberland Paramedics
- Alison Blair, Associate Deputy Minister, Health Integration and Partnerships,
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- Susan Picarello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Health Services Division,
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