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***FCHS introduces Flex Clinic services***

**(Strathroy, ON) –** The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) is pleased to announce that Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) will welcome a Flex Clinic onsite, with services to be delivered in partnership with SE Health effective September 4th, 2018.

The Flex Clinic is an innovative concept that offers centralized access to nursing services, including medication and disease management, intravenous care and infusions, catheter care, wound care and ostomy care.

Visiting a Flex Clinic means less time and disruption when compared to a visit to an emergency room, urgent care clinic, or even a family doctor’s office. For clients, the scheduled appointment times are much more convenient to fit into the day. Teaching also is an important element in any Flex Clinic visit. Clients are encouraged to bring their caregivers with them, so that they both can learn how, for example, to change a dressing.

“SE Health is looking forward to delivering quality care to the residents of the Four Counties Health Services area”, says Lucy Wonjah, Director of Nursing, Personal Support Services and Therapy Services at SE Health.

The Flex Clinic is the first of many new tenants expected to join FCHS in the coming months. “Four Counties Health Services is delighted to welcome SE Health as its newest partner, supporting our vision of a vibrant health village at our hospital”, says Steph Ouellet, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships at the Middlesex Hospital Alliance.

Patients requiring access to Flex Clinic services are referred to and assessed by South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Home and Community Care. South West LHIN Home and Community Care can be contacted by calling 1-800-811-5146.

About MHA:

The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) is comprised of two fully-accredited partner sites: Four Counties Health Services and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital.

A progressive, team-oriented and technologically adept organization of excellence, the MHA is creating a more integrated and seamless approach to treatment by embracing and seeking out partnerships, through collaboration and investing in people. This coordinated approach helps to ensure that a high level of service is provided while reducing costs and continually enhancing quality.