

Mayor Prue,

Very recently I was made aware that there is a Northern Travel Health Grant for residents who must travel a minimum of 100 kilometres one way to access the nearest medical specialist or ministry-funded healthcare facility services that are not available locally.

I was very disheartened to find that a similar grant does not currently exist in Southern Ontario. There are over 5000 visits made to LHSC annually by Windsor-Essex paediatric patients. There are also many local families who must visit SickKids and McMaster for their children to receive emergency and ongoing care.

We must travel more than 100 kilometres one way to access medical specialists and ministry-funded healthcare facility services that are not available locally, for our infants and children. Some of us make these visits once a month, some of us make these visits once a week.

A travel health grant would help to alleviate some of the financial burden incurred due to medical travel, and more importantly, some of the emotional distress and burden would be alleviated as well.

Would the Town of Amherstburg write a letter to the provincial government, supporting the establishment of a health travel grant for local residents?

Help with this matter would be greatly appreciated. This would mean a great deal to all of us who have to leave so that our children can get the medical care they need but that they can't obtain locally.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Kait Lowe

**PMDU Visits**

Encounter Type=clinic

Age &lt;18 Year

Visits registered to the following Paeds Departments: 14001, 15001, 15003, 16004, 20500, 22982, 22989, 32164

Data Source" CERNER Reg

**2019 to  
2023**

Region	Place	Infant	Children	Total
ESSEX COUNTY	AMHERSTBURG	284	835	1119
	ESSEX	200	735	935
	KINGSVILLE	213	966	1179
	LAKESHORE	365	1608	1973
	LASALLE	232	1318	1550
	LEAMINGTON	349	1189	1538
	TECUMSEH	176	561	737
	<b>Essex County Total</b>			
CITY OF WINDSOR	WINDSOR	2436	8674	11110
<b>WINDSOR-ESSEX</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4255</b>	<b>15886</b>	<b>20141</b>

**PMDU Visits By PMDU Departments**

Department	Department Description	Infant	Children	Total
14001	OP Oncology Paediatrics	77	1373	1450
15001	B6-200 Inpatient Paediatrics	8	26	34
15003	B6-100 Inpatient Paediatrics	3	32	35
16004	Rehab Purchased Services		1	1
20500	Paediatric Endoscopy	24	160	184
22982	Children's Minor Surgical Proc	141	400	541
22989	Children's Outpatient	4,000	13,863	17,863
32164	PMDU Sleep & Apnea Assmnt Unit	2	31	33
<b>PMDU Departments</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,255</b>	<b>15,886</b>	<b>20,141</b>

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Ontario through Children's Miracle Network," says Jennifer Baxter, director of community relations, Children's Miracle Network.

She says about 5,000 Windsor families utilize the Children's Hospital in London each year.

"It helps to support programs and services and equipment that we need to make sure that our kids are support mind body and soul at the Children's Hospital."



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There were 5,156 visits to the Pediatric Medical Day unit in London from Windsor-Essex patients last year — about nine per cent of total visits.

The London emergency department had 256 visits from Windsor-Essex patients, (about 0.7 per cent of total visits), and the Pediatric Critical Care Unit had 98 visits from Windsor-Essex patients, about 12 per cent of its total.

Another three patients a month on average from Windsor-Essex are treated at SickKids ER in Toronto, while about six children a month are transferred to DMC hospital in Detroit.