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**Q: When will the new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital be built?**

A: Hamilton Health Sciences is hopeful that the provincial government will provide approval to begin construction of the new hospital before 2022. Once construction begins, the time to build a new facility is estimated to be about two years.

**Q: Will services be moved from WLMH while planning continues for the new hospital?**

A: No, we are not planning to move any services from WLMH during the transition period. Hamilton Health Sciences is committed to keeping all our services safe and viable until we build a new WLMH. In the event some services need to be temporarily redirected to nearby sites, we will do our best to return them to WLMH in a speedy fashion. The safety and well-being of our patients and staff is our top priority.

**Q: Is the hospital safe today?**

A: Yes. Safety is our top priority, and we are working with our doctors and staff to identify any safety issues that require attention as we plan for a new WLMH. We are committed to finding solutions that keep services in West Lincoln.

**Q: Will the new hospital follow a P3 model?**

A: The Government of Ontario will make this decision later in the planning process. The vast majority of hospital construction projects in Ontario follow a P3 model.

**Q: Who is leading the planning process for the new hospital?**

A: All new hospitals built in Ontario follow a process determined by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The timing and budget for every new hospital project is determined by the Government of Ontario.