

Jones questions Minister on CCAC

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones wants assurances that funding for the Central-West Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and being appropriately budgetted for front-line care.

Sher raised the matter Monday with Health and Long-Term Care Minister Eric Hoskins during Question Period, in response to a case in which care was denied to one of her constituents.

Jones quoted Hoskins as saying he would "personally address any issues with specific clients who say they are not getting the care they need," yet she also had a letter from him stating he couldn't intervene in matters concerning the provision of CCAC home care, according to Hansard.

"The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care sent a letter to my constituent stating the ministry cannot get involved in matters of CCAC home care services," Jones stated in a news release issued by her office. "Yet the Minister said today that if there were any problems at CCACs to please contact him. Clearly there is confusion here and the Minister needs to clarify his authority over CCACs."

Hoskins stated he's happy to discuss individual cases with any MPP

"If they feel that an individual is not receiving the support they require, that's part of my job," he said. "It's a responsibility that I take very seriously."

"Minister, then you better block off a week, because I deal with these CCAC questions all the time in the constituency office," Jones shot back.

"I hope the Minister stays true to his promise so we can get this matter and many others like it resolved," Jones concluded.