

HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH

**Liberal Government Policy
Directives currently in place**



The Liberal Government healthcare commitments include working toward

- Universal Pharmacare,
- Investing more in home/palliative care and
- Setting national standards to accessing mental health services.

The Liberal Government established the Canada Drug Agency to make drug purchasing more effective and efficient and implemented a national formulary with partners to set prices.

Working with our provincial government Health Canada has been mandated to work toward:

- More accessible care, shorter wait times & better health outcomes
- Ensuring all Canadians access to primary health care (a doctor)
- Setting clear national standards for access to mental health services
- Bring down high cost, lifesaving drugs through the Rare Disease Drug Strategy
- Investing more in home care and improving palliative care availability
- Increasing the Child Disability Benefit and
- Investing more in pediatric cancer research

The Liberal Government further plans to establish a National Institute for Women's Health Research to tackle persistent gaps in research and care that includes race, ability indigeneity and more. Plans are also in the works for a Gender-based Violence Strategy – a National Action Plan for protection and access to services regardless of location.

The Liberal Government has taken a leadership role in mental health and meeting the needs of under-served populations with targeted investments in

- Healthy workplaces
- Housing
- The opioid crisis
- Cannabis education
- Indigenous mental health and

A number of mental health efforts for veterans, inmates and corrections and public safety officers. Money was also earmarked to address and prevent bullying and cyber-bullying

There are also plans in the works for Drug and Alcohol abuse and additions including

- More funds to expand community-based addiction services, more in-patient rehab beds, and safe consumption sites
- Drug treatment the default option for first-time non-violent possession offenders.