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Attention: Cambridge City Council

The Cambridge North Dumfries OHT is writing to you in support of a Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) in Cambridge.

The Cambridge North Dumfries OHT has a task and a responsibility to advocate for and help meet the needs of the health of our local population. The opioid crisis has had a devastating impact in Cambridge, and this impact has only been magnified as a result of the pandemic. It is our shared responsibility as a community to ensure health equity and timely access to service for individuals who experience the health issue of addiction. Consumption and Treatment Services are one evidence-based approach to support the health needs of those who use substances in our communities and are an important part of the treatment continuum. Research suggests that a CTS program would make a significant impact in supporting those that use substances to do so more safely, therefore reducing EMS responses, emergency room visits, long-term health interventions and deaths in the community.

We are confident that the strong working relationships existing between local service partners will ensure a CTS will make a significant and immediate positive impact for our community. We fully endorse the development of a CTS program in Cambridge.

Sincerely,

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