
Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network

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LHIN is making their web site more accessible to people with low vision

Although the Internet is typically viewed on screen, a new feature on the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESC LHIN) web site will have your computer reading the latest in local health care news to you. Through a free application, called BrowseAloud, visitors to the ESC LHIN web site can now see and hear the text in their web browser.

The change to the site was inspired by Doreen Hinds, a Sarnia resident who is a recipient of a CNIB program funded by the ESC LHIN's Aging at Home Strategy. Hinds shared her experience with low vision to ESC LHIN staff and the difference the CNIB program has made in supporting her independence. She also took the time to demonstrate the computer technology, similar to BrowseAloud, that is enabling her to use the Internet and other computer functions just as those without low vision would.

BrowseAloud has a choice of 17 high-quality voices covering nine international languages and a number of unique features to help make reading easier. The BrowseAloud software can be downloaded, for free, directly from the ESC LHIN web site. Visitors will not need the latest and greatest computer on the market to utilize this software, just a computer with sound.