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South Island residents to benefit from new surgery program

VICTORIA – Victoria resident Bryony Graham is an active grandmother, golfer and gardener, whose successful knee replacement surgery enabled her to get back to caring for her 18-month old granddaughter and the activities she loves.

As part of a new strategy to help B.C. catch up and keep up with surgery demand, South Island patients like Bryony, who need hip or knee replacements, will have access to a new surgical program that shortens the waitlists so more people can back to living full lives faster.

“We want to help people have access to the health services they need to fully participate in everything the South Island and our Province has to offer,” said Health Minister Adrian Dix. “That’s why we’re taking action with health authorities to address waitlists and improve access to surgeries. Part of this work includes the new hip and knee programs, like the one at Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital, which puts people first with a clear path to surgery that includes appropriate supports before, during and after the procedure.”

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South Island residents to benefit from new South Island Hip and Knee program

VICTORIA – The provincial government is establishing the new South Island Hip and Knee program as part of its new surgical strategy aimed at reducing wait times for the health care

British Columbians need.

"Far too many British Columbians on the South Island have been left on waitlists instead of getting fast access to the surgery they needed to enjoy full, active, lives," said Health Minister Adrian Dix. "That is why under our new surgical strategy, we're getting people back on their feet faster by dramatically increasing access to hip and knee surgeries on the South Island."

The South Island Hip and Knee Program is one of five new hip and knee initiatives the provincial government is implementing across the province as one of its first components of its four part surgical strategy. This provincial network of hip and knee programs will address the long waits faced by people for these procedures. In 2016-17, 30% of people waiting for hip surgery and 38% of people waiting for knee surgery waited more than 26 weeks.

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For 70-year-old with new knee, it's joyfully back to the garden

By Jeff Bell

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