

County Mental Health Action Group Meeting

April, 2015 Locality Questions

Locality	Questions
Ashford	1. What are KMPT doing to address the mental health needs of their own staff? 2. CAHMS only have one Section 136 suite for the whole of Kent which is based at an adult facility in Dartford. This is inappropriate – what plans are there to rectify this?
Canterbury	County Chair to ensure that all local questions raised are responded to regardless of whether there is representation from the local MHAG or not.
Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley	Why are Kent Police withdrawing from the Street Triage? It is believed this was a funding issue but it was felt there was a cost benefit and the service showed positive results in reducing admissions.
Dover, Deal & Shepway	Jackie Fairlie is meeting with CCGs to discuss having noticeboards displaying self-help information at GP surgeries. GPs are usually very reluctant to do this. Jackie will propose that the Patient Participation Groups at the surgeries could update the board. Could GPs have link on their computer to print out leaflets for patients as self-help encouragement. How will different practices will do this?
Maidstone /Weald	1. Malcom McFrederick had promised at the last County meeting to report back on the cases raised by Maidstone Weald but to date no response received. CAMHS have responded on the case study relating to a child. 2. Need for a Kent wide stakeholder event to flag up the differences in services across Kent. Or could be East Kent/West Kent. 3. What is happening around crisis provision across the County? There is concern over the Crisis Café pilot coming to end in Swale. There is a huge demand for Crisis Café and both Maidstone MIND & MCSC having expressed an interest in working with the CCG to provide this service.
South West Kent	1. Will voluntary services still be funded by KCC as they move towards benefits that are means tested and PIPs? Will there be core funding for the PIPs services which are purchased by user? 2. The Crisis Concordat, Page 6, mentions that East Kent has a risk assessment called SMaRT which is intended to be rolled out to West Kent, Dartford and Medway. What is it and can we see one? 3. There is a disparity of services between East and West Kent. How is it possible to find out what is going on in East Kent?

Swale	Highlight need for funding support for carers travelling long distances to visit people in out of area beds and ask that KCC should fund this. There may not be many people affected by this but we need to ensure they are not left to fund this themselves.
Thanet	Thanet CCG meeting on 10 th March was not publicised enough. The advert in the local paper did not include a date. Questions for public need to be submitted half an hour before the meeting and only 5 minutes has been allocated on the agenda in the four hour meeting.
Medway	None

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