

County Mental Health Action Group Meeting

June, 2015 Locality Questions

Locality	Questions
Ashford	None
Canterbury	Financial cuts are expected in mental health. Can we please seek assurances from CCGs that funding will be adequate to maintain services.
Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley	None
Dover, Deal & Shepway	Why is the hopper bus service between hospitals not publicised? There is a hopper bus available and people can be collected at say Folkestone and dropped at Ashford. This is a phone and book service which costs £7 but hospital staff say they don't know of this.
Maidstone /Weald	None
South West Kent	Shaw Trust provide the only supported employment contract in West Kent and previously offered Supported permitted work service to people for up to 5 years. They now only receive funding for one year. Supported Permitted Work is perfect for many clients it seems to have been neglected when organising contracts and conditions around supporting people. It also needs to be included within the core offer for future contracts.
Swale	How will the expected reduction of funding for mental health affect services in Swale?
Thanet	1. What is the average Kent waiting time for psychological services? 2. Are CMHT psychological services using group therapy to alleviate waiting lists?
Medway	None