

Mental Health Update for Thanet MHAG – January 2016

1.	IAPT Procurement
The new contracts came into effect on January 2015. The three existing providers have all been awarded new contracts for Thanet, ie Dover Counselling, Insight and Addaction (previously KCA). There will also be a fourth provider, University Medical Centre who have previously provided a service in the Canterbury area. The service can still be accessed via self referral.	
2.	Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service
The final evaluations have now taken place and the strategic partners will be announced shortly.	
3.	Out of Area Placements
Commissioners are currently holding bi-weekly teleconferences with KMPT to monitor and manage out of area placements and delayed transfers of care. The numbers of acute out of area placements had reduced significantly, but over the Christmas period the number has increased again. As at 10 January 2016 there were five patients in acute and two patients in PICU beds outside of Kent. Work is also in progress to review the current number of beds to ensure that the current number is correct and to review existing community services to ensure they are fit for purpose.	
4.	Local Partnership Group
The Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed to set up a number of local partnership groups, including one for mental health. The aims of the group are to identify opportunities for better inter agency working and opportunities for integrated commissioning and provision. The first meeting is scheduled for 14 January and progress will be reported to the MHAG.	
5.	Personal Health Budgets (PHBs)
Following the presentation to MHAG about personal health budgets, it was agreed at an engagement event that the initial focus for PHBs in Thanet will be for mental health. Further work is planned around criteria and process.	