

KCC AND KMPT TRANSFORMATION UPDATE – August 2018

The aim of the KCC and KMPT Partnership Transformation project is to deliver a new approach which ensures an integrated and seamless service and the robust delivery of health and social care statutory responsibilities. One of the core underlying principles of the transformation is to improve and enhance what KCC and KMPT provide to people with mental health issues and their carers.

The key change is that **social care staff within the Community Mental Health Teams [CMHTs] will be managed by KCC from 1st October 2018, and the Approved Mental Health Practitioner [AMHP] service will be managed by KCC from 1st April 2019.**

CMHTs will continue to work in a **multi-disciplinary way, remaining co-located** to support a joined up response to people and GPs and other people who refer to the service through CMHTs.

From 1st October 2018 staff in the CMHT will work together to ensure people are seen by the **right professional at the right time**. The professional they see will have the appropriate skills and access to resources to work with them to enhance their strengths and address their needs. If a person needs more than one professional involved a joint response will be provided.

A **caseload handover protocol** has been developed and will be used from 1st October 2018 to review existing people to ensure they are aligned to the most appropriate professional. If this means a change of worker there will be a planned handover which will of course involve the person themselves over a period of time to ensure patient safety is maintained.

From a Local Authority point of view, the new model will **enhance peoples' rights** particularly in relation to Care Act Assessments for people who use the service and their carers, with timely access to Care and Support Plans with care packages and residential packages where required.

The **AMHP service**, which transfers to KCC management on 1st April 2019, is also being enhanced to ensure there are adequate AMHPs to provide a timely response to people who need this service.

KCC is currently implementing a **new management structure**, which will consist of five Service Managers each covering one of the following areas:

▪ Ashford ▪ Canterbury Coastal	&	▪ Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley ▪ Swale	▪ Maidstone & Malling ▪ South West Kent	▪ South Kent Coast	▪ Thanet
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When these Service Managers are in post from October 2018, they will attend local MHAG meetings and will be able to engage on a local level to understand what is working well and where we may need to make adjustments, developing appropriate solutions in partnership with MHAG members on a local basis.

KCC and KMPT are fully committed to the management of the transfer from KMPT to KCC management in a way that ensures patient safety is maintained.

Kind regards,

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