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Mental Health work stream, Ashford CCG

The Mental Health work stream continues to be clinically led. The CCG is ensuring that feedback received at the MHAGs are fed into the Local Operational Meetings (and visa-versa) to ensure that there is a true local flavour. The next NHS Ashford CCG Local Operational Group meeting is June 2018.

New Models of Care

Ashford, Canterbury & Coastal, South Kent Coast and Thanet CCGs are developing new models of local care and the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) Mental Health work-stream have identified mental health parity of esteem as a priority, which may lead to local pilots being developed. Work is ongoing to link KMPT into the new developments.

PICU and MH Beds

There are no out of area beds as at end of April 2018 for acute patients. KMPT hold fortnightly teleconference bed management calls on Friday's with the EK MH Commissioners and local CCG Commissioners.

Out of Area Placements

The STP Independence Pathway is working to develop the most effective procedures and housing options for mental health and includes both health and social care.

Adult Mental Health - IAPT (NHS Talking Therapies)

All providers in East Kent are achieving waiting time and recovery targets as set by NHS England. Some IAPT providers are now also delivering talking therapy support for people with long term physical health conditions such as diabetes, COPD, chronic pain, cardiac and/or pulmonary conditions in addition to mental health difficulties. Referrals will be from a Single Point of Access and all IAPT providers will be on the GP Practice referral support tool. These services are available for people aged 17+.

Alternative Places of Safety

An outline business case on the provision of an Alternative Place of Safety for adults in East Kent in a mental health crisis is complete and the model has been developed following on from co-production meetings the EK MH Commissioning team held at the end of last year.

Psychiatric Liaison

Plans are still being developed to expand services to 24/7 at the William Harvey Hospital however funding is required from NHS England, otherwise the current service will require transforming in order to continue. East Kent has one of their two acute sites at 24/7 which means it is compliant with the 50% national target.