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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.

Kent and Medway Section 136 (S136) Pathway

East Kent Mental Health Team has been involved in the work to create a new Kent and Medway wide S136 pathway which is due to be in first draft later this month. The pathway will set out the Kent and Medway process for S136 in Health Based Places of Safety and general hospital (A&E) and this mirrors the London S136 pathway which was released at the end of 2016. To see the London Pathway go to: <https://www.healthylondon.org/resource/mental-health-crisis-care-s136-pathway-launch/>

Local Care – working to embed mental health services in models of local care

Work is now underway to further develop and enhance the primary care mental health service across the whole of east Kent. This project will enable more local access to mental health staff through GP surgeries. More announcements will be made in due course.

Out of Area Placements and East Kent Bed Use

There are no out of area placements for acute patients as at end of July 2018, which has been the case since November 2016 and PICU (Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit) beds out of area placements are kept to a bare minimum and of short duration.

KMPT hold fortnightly teleconference bed management calls on Friday's with the EK MH Commissioners and local CCG Commissioners.

Co-Production

Work has begun with Healthwatch Kent / Engaging Kent to redesign service user and carer engagement across Kent (MHAGs and service user forums). The EK Mental Health Team is involved in this work.