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**Mental Health work stream, Canterbury and Coastal 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), which will re-start shortly following a short break, to ensure that there is a true local flavour.

**Kent and Medway 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 being led by Kent and Medway Partnership Trust (KMPT). 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 and expanding access to mental health professionals in local care hubs. Two workshops in East Kent have been held to ask patient views, these are currently being collated and the outcomes will be shared in September. There are three service user/carer representatives on the Steering group for this piece of work.

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

**NHS Talking Therapies (IAPT)**

EK MH Commissioning Team are starting to look at developing a new service and are running a survey from September to November to ask service users/carers their views on what a new service should look like. Workshops across localities in East Kent in November will engage with people further and will be looking for service user/carer representation on steering groups to be involved in the procurement process. Opportunities to get involved will be advertised through the EK MH Commissioning Team’s monthly emails.

**Suicide Prevention**

The Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Steering group led by Kent County Council Public Health Department are currently in the process of procuring a range of suicide prevention training and an App. They will also be launching an innovation fund that smaller local projects can apply to on World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10).