

Dover/Deal Minor Illness Locality Hubs to include primary care mental health services

As previously shared, the Minor Illness Hubs went Live at Deal Community Hospital and The Buckland Hospital in Dover in April this year. This provides practices additional same day and next day primary care capacity to refer patient to if the practice has no appointment slots available. A patients practice must make the appointment (it is not a drop in service) as the practice has to make the Summary Care Record available at the time of the appointment for the GP, nurse or physio therapies to have access to the most current information and to also update the clinical record.

Plans are now well developed to expand the current primary care mental health service within the Hub to be able to support more people within local care, working closely with GP practices and third sector providers. The service will provide local access to support for adults (over eighteen) for whom the GP feels that additional mental health input would be beneficial. The service will not replace the current secondary mental health service provision from KMPT but will work in collaboration with local community teams. It is expected to have the service in place and the posts recruited to by the middle of Autumn this year, providing additional MH service capacity within the Dover/Deal area.

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