

County Mental Health Action Group Meeting on 13th December, 2017

Locality Questions

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Ashford	Can Emma Hanson please give an update on the review process at the County Meeting to be fed back to all the MHAGs.
Canterbury & Coastal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are long waiting lists for KMPT psychological therapies with no other options available. If treatment for a physical health problem cannot be provided through the NHS then funding is available for private treatment. Is there parity care for access to private therapy or counselling? 2. How are local CMHTs being funded or supported to take into account additional strains caused by local universities across the county, ie Canterbury Christchurch and Kent Universities? 3. How are universities being worked with to address the needs of students?
Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the lack of suitable housing and the problems linked to it being addressed across Kent? 2. Highlight the HERO (housing, home energy and retraining options) advice service, does this exist in other areas or could it?
Dover, Deal & Shepway	How can we clear up the confusion between the number of sessions that IAPT providers are saying are available and what other providers are hearing on the ground about people being told they will only get 4 or 5 sessions? Is it possible for the IAPT providers to explain that each individual case is being assessed on merit and that more sessions can be provided if required, and give clear reasons for discharge.
Maidstone Weald	None
South West Kent	Concern was voiced about the distress being caused to service users due to the uncertainty of the future of the service user forums. It has not been possible to get anyone from KCC out to visit service users and there has been no feedback from the July meeting in Aylesford.
Swale	None
Thanet	What is happening with The MHAGs next year?