

County Mental Health Action Group Meeting on 17th October 2018

Locality Questions

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Ashford	None
Canterbury & Coastal	None
Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley	None
Dover, Deal & Shepway	There are reports of clients being discharged back into the community from KMPT acute services and placed into apparently unsuitable, unsafe housing. What is KMPT's vetting policy for post-discharge housing?
Maidstone Weald	None
SW Kent	None
Swale	How many frontline services have been under review in the past year and how do these reviews impact on vulnerable people, in terms of change, uncertainty and clients getting lost in the system due to changes? How can we minimize the impact of such reviews on these individuals?
Thanet	<p>1. Why do you have to pay for prescriptions on ESA? There is no consistency between anti-psychotic medication given as a tablet or liquid and as a depot injection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Not everyone on Universal Credit or contribution-based ESA get free prescriptions</i> - <i>GPs can sign an exemption letter, however this is only applicable for some long-term physical conditions, not mental.</i> - <i>There is a prepaid prescription card which is £8.67 per month for unlimited items/prescriptions.</i> - <i>Joy Brown added the following:</i> <i>"Anyone on a low income not automatically entitled to free benefits should be completing an HC1 to see if they are eligible for an exemption certificate, and can also use the HC5 forms to request a refund of travel, eye tests, dental work, optical charges etc. Each case will be looked at on an individual basis.</i> https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcosts/Documents/2016/HC1-April-2016.pdf " <p>2. The CMHT is changing from October to become more specialist, before primary care mental health services have been fully developed. It is more difficult to get people back in to the CMHT and voluntary sector and primary care services are seeing more people presenting with higher needs. What is being done to support these people?</p>