



Kent Local Medical Committee

Supporting list based personalised care, the partnership model and meaningful collaboration

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Making Connections in South Kent Coast CCG August 2016

Drs Penny Barley, Gary Calver Paula Newens joined Liz Mears and Donna Clarke at the recent liaison meeting with South Kent Coast CCG. Dr Jonathan Bryant and Hazel Carpenter attended on behalf of the CCG.

Palliative Care Buff Sheet

There was a discussion regarding the ongoing concerns on the use of Buff Sheets for D/Ns. The CCG has spoken to Peter Maskell, Medical Director of KCHFT and a piece of work has been completed with pharmacy leads.

Homely Remedy Policy

The updated policy is now available on the LMC website.

Follow Up PSA tests

There have been issues with Consultant Urologists requesting GPs to do follow up PSA tests on patients they have discharged but there appears to be no consistency in approach. The CCG are aware of this issue and recognised a commissioning gap for these tests. The CCG asked that the LMC forward results of audits and any other evidence so that the CCG can ensure they include this when writing contracts. The CCG acknowledged that this needs to be addressed ASAP.

LARC

The LMC have spoken to Public Health who advised that many practices have signed up to this service. Public Health have sent out a survey to practices and data will be shared with LMC. Anecdotally it was felt some practices have signed up but will not be providing the full service.

Workforce Update

The CCG will produce a report on workforce which will be available by the end of September and will be used to help inform the Kent & Medway STP. They have identified a need to spend £2m this year.

They have prioritised additional support for improving dementia skills in health and social care; Paramedic Practitioners in Primary Care; Health Trainers/Navigators and Pharmacists in Primary Care. EKHUFT monies will also be available to help GP recruitment and improve GP skills to enable more out of hospital care. The CCG is currently awaiting responses from localities to finalise the plan. Thanet CCG have already submitted their Primary Care Home plan.

Estates and Technology Transformation Fund (ETTF)

The CCG is awaiting the outcome of their 5 bids.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

The CCG is part of the East Kent Strategy Board which is feeding into the K&M STP. The CCG are concentrating on how funds will transfer & workforce design. Plans will need to be for major transformation and will need to go out to Public consultation and then will take some time to implement. The CCG believe LMC involvement will be welcome in the clinical forum and will arrange an invitation.

General Practice Forward View

The GPFV talks about managing GP workload and the CCG has written to the Hospital Trust to raise awareness of the new standard hospital contract terms and will copy GPs and the LMC into the letter and any response. It will include instructions on how to manage inappropriate requests from the Trust.

K&M GP Staff Training Team

The LMC was concerned that not many practices attended the Out Of Hospital workshop as they did not realise it was about the GPSTT. The draft report from the workshop has gone out for comment to

practices and the GP Tutors. The final report is now being compiled. The GP Tutors are keen to see this rolled into the East Kent CEPN. The CCG should be able to get the report to the LMC before the next full meeting on 6th October.

Hypoglycaemic Pathway

Following the controversial introduction of this pathway SECAMB will attend the next full LMC meeting in October.

Mental Health Services for Children

Concern was raised regarding the gaps in this service, particularly counselling for teenagers which used to exist. The CCG reported that they are currently working with the whole of East Kent writing a spec for procurement of the whole service and will ensure this is included. This will be a Joint Commissioned service.

AOB

The CCG was advised that MRI & CT scans and ambulatory ECGs currently have an unacceptable wait.

There are still problems with patient records since Capita (PCSE) took over. The CCG have this on their risk register and requested that the LMC ensure this is raised with the Information Commissioner as a potential for IG breach. Prescriber numbers for new GPs are also not coming out from Capita causing huge problems for practices.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th November 2016 at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone.

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