



Kent Local Medical Committee

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

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Making Connections in Thanet CCG June 2018

Dr Mark Speller joined Dr Caroline Rickard and Dr John Allingham at the recent CCG/LMC liaison meeting. Dr Tony Martin, Ailsa Ogilvie and Oena Windibank attended on behalf of the CCG.

Weighing, Measuring and Supporting Children

Dr Ash Peshen is awaiting a response on the subject of the weighing of babies from the Health Visitor team. This will be reported at the next meeting.

Westbrook House (WBH)

The CCG reported that WBH is putting in place an interim solution replacing the Victoria unit from Mid June 2018. This will be managed by KCC and will provide re-ablement services with case management. The unit will be known as Appleton Blue. There will be access for up to 30 beds on a phased approach. In reach services will be provided by local community nursing and Bethesda Medical practice.

Hospital Standard Contract 2017/19

The LMC reported that Kent are seeking a response from colleagues in Londonwide LMC for help in pushing back against transfers of work from tertiary centres. In the meantime, the advice is to continue pushing back against workload transfers.

The LMC contribution to the EKHUFT Junior Doctors' handbook is work in progress and is moving forward.

The documents highlighting prescribing responsibilities in General Practice and between primary care and secondary care were discussed. The CCG confirmed Thanet has no policy restricting the quantity of repeat prescribing.

The CCG also pointed out that a recent discovery highlighted a large number of glaucoma patients on repeat medications who were not being followed up or having their pressures checked. The LMC agreed to take this to the next EKHUFT liaison.

Electronic Referral

The LMC shared their position on this and highlighted the pitfalls to be prepared for when the EKHUFT switch off of paper referrals becomes an issue in August.

NHSPS

The issue of leases and service charges was updated. Thanet do not appear to have any affected practices with most having private sector landlords and a few owning their premises.

Spirometry

The latest information was shared and the risk to the CCG highlighted if practices all decided to refer rather than perform this activity in house.

Any Other Business

The CCG provided the following updates:

- The expansion of Bethesda is advancing.
- Support for the Limes is ongoing.
- The feasibility study on a Westwood Cross multi practice centre is progressing well.
- Discussions continue with Westgate and Birchington around population growth.
- Ramsgate practices are meeting to consider the implications of the Grange list closure application.

Other issues discussed were:

- a) Home visiting services and how this type of service could potentially relieve some pressure in primary care.
- b) Mandatory training and how the GP Staff Training Team works.
- c) Pulmonary Rehab Services - the LMC was reassured there are no known cuts to this service.
- d) New Medical School - Thanet CCG have not yet been active in developing placements.

Dr Tony Martin was thanked for his contribution and wished a happy retirement. It was acknowledged that there will be some changes in the CCG personnel.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 20th September 2018

Dr John Allingham

Medical Secretary on behalf of Kent LMC