



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 2015

Drs Robert Sadler (Chair), Sabin Kamal and Oliver Lyell joined David Barr and Carlo Caruso at the recent CCG/LMC liaison meeting. Hazel Carpenter Maria Howden and Dr Tony Martin attended on behalf of the CCG.

Housebound Flu

The CCG confirmed that it has recommissioned the service for housebound patients from the Kent Community Health Foundation Trust ("KCHFT").

Patient Identifiable Information

The LMC reported that, as a result of the review of the suite of services provided by the Kent Primary Care Agency ("KPCA"), the service whereby it redirects confidential mail received by, and on behalf of, practices ceased from 31 May 2015. As a result practices have been asked to mark the letters "return to sender" and to return the letters via the internal courier service.

Collaborative Fees

The group noted that the issue of collaborative fees was raised by the LMC at the recent Kent County Council ("KCC") Health and Wellbeing Strategy meeting ("HWB").

The group discussed the impact on general practice of the activity of KCC Social Services and the KCHFT on general practice workload. The group agreed that the LMC might look to all CCG clinical chairs for support in writing jointly to KCHFT and Kent County Council to ask them to review their processes with a view to minimising the impact on general practice, and to consider whether certain requests were necessary and whether the work would be better carried out by themselves or other professionals. Hazel Carpenter is talking with KCHFT locally on this matter also.

5 Year Forward View

The group discussed Dr Lyell's visit to Abingdon Community Hospital ("ACH") and how this model could be applied to Thanet. Abingdon had an 8 bed ward focussed on rehabilitation and palliative care. It is staffed by a team of nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists and is supported by gerontologists.

In addition to its inpatient beds, the hospital has a Minor Injuries Unit ("MIU"), an Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit ("EMU"). X-ray facilities are provided by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust and a range of mental health services.

The group discussed the potential for adopting this model in Thanet. The benefits to such a model included giving GPs access to intermediate care beds, contribute to the development of an Integrated Care Team, and contribute and encourage and support closer collaboration amongst practices and support 7 day working.

Oliver Lyell agreed to discuss his visit to Abingdon with the CCG lead, Alison Davies who is currently supporting the CCG in the development of an integrated care organisation (ICO) in Thanet.

The CCG would shortly be meeting with practices within their localities to discuss how the new models of care espoused by the Five Year Forward View, the workload and workforce challenges facing general practice, and how practices can move towards the models of care in the 5YFV and increase collaboration in order to ensure their sustainability in response to the increasing pressures. It was noted that many CCGs are using the Any Qualified Provider route for

commissioning new DES' and collaboration is seen as a way of increasing the opportunity to bid for these contracts.

Primary Care Strategy - Workforce

The CCG reported that it would be running a workshop with Kent University to explore proposed service models and their respective workforce requirements. It is currently in the process of establishing a baseline for the current workforce which would support the discussions around an Integrated Care Organisation and ultimately its workforce plan.

The CCG was also working on a GP recruitment campaign in conjunction with South Kent Coast CCG to run for a period of 12 months.

The LMC representatives suggested that recruitment would be supported by incentivising GPs to come to work in Thanet. This need not necessarily be in the form of money but could include further education and training, and employment across more than one practice. Furthermore, the CCG could try to recruit GPs directly from GP training and by promoting the development of the Integrated Care Organisation.

The CCG agreed to discuss its recruitment plans with the LMC.

Co-commissioning

The CCG was of the view that co-commissioning would in all probability be eventually delegated to CCGs.

The CCG remained concerned about the following risks:

- Potential conflicts of interest
- Transfer of funding to accompany the delegation of co-commissioning responsibilities
- The potential to undermine clinical members of the CCG by requiring a lay majority in Primary Care Committees
- It undermines the clinical led nature of CCGs

Enhanced Services Update

The CCG was still in the process of devising its anti-coagulation specification. The CCG would also be reviewing its End of Life Care and

Nursing Home LES and would be looking for input from Practice Managers and GPs to support this.

The CCG agreed to consider the impact of the Nursing Home LES' that had recently been introduced in West Kent and Medway as part of its review.

Unfunded Work

There was a discussion around inappropriate workload shift from secondary to primary care. A frequent issue appeared to arise when a patient is referred to their GP for follow up in relation to a treatment initiated by secondary care when there is no shared care agreement in place. The CCG agreed to look at the contracts it holds with its providers to ensure that there are clear terms that prevent the inappropriate transfer of work to general practice.

Mental Health Services Update

The discussion was had around inappropriate transfer of work from Mental Health Services. It was again agreed, as in the previous item relating to unfunded work, that the contract should be reviewed to ensure that the division of labour between mental health and GP services are clearly stated.

K&M GP Staff Training Team

The CCG reported that Tara Humphries has been appointed to develop proposals for the future of the GP Staff Training Team. Tara will present options to NHSE and the LMC in September 2015.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 20th October 2015 at Thanet District Council Offices.

Carlo Caruso

Deputy Clerk on behalf of Kent LMC