



Kent Local Medical Committee

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

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Making Connections in Medway CCG August 2018

Drs Mike Parks, Naveen Rishi and Mr Carlo Caruso attended the recent LMC/Medway CCG liaison meeting. Dr Peter Green and Mrs Tracy Rouse attended on behalf of the CCG.

Access to MRI/CT Update

GPs are no longer raising issue with not having direct access to MRI and CT scans. It was agreed to close the case.

MFT FP10s

At the last meeting it was reported that Medway Foundation Trust is no longer issuing patients with FP10s.

The CCG confirmed that it has raised this with the Trust and both the CCG and the LMC had not heard any further issues from GP practices on this subject.

General Practice Forward View (GPFV) Update

The CCG would like to continue a number of projects after the GPFV programme has ended. These projects include patient activation, centralised telephony and mental health project lead. Much of this was funded from the £3pp transformation monies in the GPFV. The CCG would also like to continue the Care Homes project, assuming it was successful.

The CCG is still holding a projected underspend for transformation monies, but decided to move from bi-monthly to monthly meetings of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PC3) so that spending can be committed in a timely way.

The CCG has been supporting the federation to prepare to deliver Improved Access from October 2018. The service model will be based on the Minor Illness Clinics that the CCG has been running in some localities. The aspiration for this service is that, as it evolves over time, it will integrate with Urgent and Out of Hours services.

The CCG has also asked Local Care Teams to identify projects for investment.

New Standard Hospitals Contract 2017/19

The CCG is seeking to change its approach to contract management. It is seeking to establish a collaborative approach to addressing concerns rather than using contractual levers to affect change. The CCG is also looking to embed some of the contractual terms around primary to secondary care interface in the QIPP.

MFT has recently appointed David Sulch as Interim Medical Director. A new Chief Executive will be appointed in the near future.

APMS Procurement

There was a discussion about the APMS procurement. More details can be found on the CCG website:

<http://www.medwayccg.nhs.uk/news-events/news/2051-gp-services-to-continue-at-five-sites>

Electronic Referral Service (eRS)

Practices are currently up to 75% usage of eRS. GPs are still reporting occasional issues with 2 week wait referrals having to be made on paper and some services not being on there, however this is improving over time.

Mental Health Services Referral rejection rates

The LMC wrote to KMPT recently regarding the concerns it had about the current state of mental health services provided for the population of Kent and Medway.

The CCG confirmed that it has set up a working group, chaired by Dr Sharief, looking at the performance of mental health services. The LMC is keen to be involved and the CCG invited it to nominate someone to attend.

North Kent Pathology Service (NKPS)

The LMC has been concerned with issues that have been emanating from the new NKPS. The tone of the communications has also been disappointing.

There was a discussion about the impact the issues have had on practices and what resources practices can access for their part in fixing the issues. The CCG has prioritised Darenth Valley Hospital (DVH) and Medway Foundation Trust (MFT) to fix the problem and prevent further reoccurrences.

The CCG was grateful for the work that practices are doing and will be having discussions with MFT and DVH regarding compensation for practices for their support to address this issue.

NHS Property Services

The LMC are extremely concerned that NHSPS are putting pressure on practices to pay service charges that cannot be backed up with evidence. Leases cannot be signed unless the basis of the payment is agreed. This could make some contracts unviable.

Practices are reminded to be certain about what they are paying for and the legal basis for that payment, or to withhold payment pending clarification.

Spirometry

The General Practitioners Committee statement regarding Spirometry in Primary Care confirms that Spirometry is not part of the core GP contract. The LMC was keen to understand what the CCG's commissioning plans are for Spirometry.

The group agreed that the training requirements and costs of delivering Spirometry may make it increasingly difficult for practices to provide. The CCG foresees that a service will be developed on a locality basis and that this is expected to move fast.

The CCG is aware that practices may find themselves having to stop providing the service quite soon and so will be seeking to ascertain whether lung function labs have capacity to manage an increase in patient referrals.

GP Federation Update

This item was referred to in the conversation around item 5. The LMC was pleased that the CCG was supporting the federation.

Notional Rent Reviews

The CCG advised that since it had taken over delegated commissioning it was waiting for records. It has agreed a process for addressing the backlog which will involve dealing with the oldest rent reviews first. The CCG is considering whether it can make a small increase in payment to practices in the meantime to acknowledge the delay.

Adult Community Health Services

The CCG will invite the LMC to attend the programme board.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 20th November 2018.

Carlo Caruso

On behalf of Kent LMC