



# Kent Local Medical Committee

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

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## Making Connections in Thanet CCG October 2015

Drs Robert Sadler, Sabin Kamal and John Allingham (Chair) joined Carlo Caruso at the recent CCG/LMC liaison meeting. Hazel Carpenter and Dr Tony Martin attended on behalf of the CCG.

### Collaborative Fees

The group heard that processing of claims for collaborative fees had transferred to the SECSU and further clarity is being sought on the process for practices.

### Discharge to Assess Scheme

The group discussed the Discharge to Assess scheme. Pathway 1-3 should now be operational, however at present they seem to be used mainly by EKHUFT to prevent bed blockage rather than discharge direct from A&E. A future vision of the CCG would be the ground floor of the QEQM becoming a community run unit to prevent patients being formally hospitalised when not really required.

There appears to be a lack of clarity around the purpose of the scheme. It was anticipated that the beds would be used for rapidly discharging patients from A&E. However it appears that there is some desire for it to be used to relieve some of the pressure on demand for hospital beds.

The CCG agreed to inform practices, via the GP bulletin, of what it is used for and how GPs can access it.

### Workforce

The CCG reported that work on the recruitment campaign has progressed to the point at which it is ready to launch. However there was some discussion around whether the CCG was the most appropriate organisation to oversee it. The CCG agreed to share the plans

with the LMC and discuss how the campaign may be taken forward.

The CCG confirmed that the workforce information submitted thus far has been helpful in measuring the current workforce and how the workforce needs to grow and develop in line with the CCGs plans to develop an integrated care organisation. The workforce requirements will in turn inform and support the development of the training hub/CEPN.

### Co-Commissioning

The CCG has not bid to take on joint or delegated co-commissioning as its current priority is encouraging general practice to explore how it can collaborate and thus become the providers of the future. Once its membership has formulated a vision the CCG then can, at the behest of its members, take on delegated co-commissioning appropriate to support the development of the healthcare economy in Thanet.

### Community Education Provider Network (CEPN)

The CCG confirmed that the East Kent CEPN is to be hosted by Ashford CCG and Mike Parks of the LMC will be a co-chair alongside Dr Kim Stillman, GP and Associate GP Dean of Health Education England Kent Surrey and Sussex.

### PMS Review

The CCG confirmed it had 4 PMS practices in its area. The CCG is expecting the total net transfer of funding from the PMS review to be relatively small and had not considered how it might be reinvested.

### Unfunded Work

There was a discussion around inappropriate workload shift from secondary to primary care and the joint statement from the Consultants

Committee and the GPC regarding the duty of care regarding communication of investigation results.

The CCG advised that practices can contact Maria Howdon or Hannah Price with specific examples of inappropriate turfing of work. The LMC confirmed that it has a long established liaison with EKHUFT who are receptive to receiving feedback and practices can feedback via the LMC representatives from Thanet.

Thanet CCG is currently in the process of looking at capped contracts with the secondary care provider which would also seek to increase the engagement of its clinicians in shaping out of hospital care. The CCG has also sought to systematise relations amongst clinicians in Thanet by creating a regular forum.

#### **K&M GP Staff Training Team**

The report of the look into the options for the future of the Kent and Medway GP Staff Training Team. The group explored the benefits of having the function hosted by a single CEPN or divided amongst the CEPNs. Spreading the function across the CEPNs may stimulate their development however there is a concern that this would be off-set by losing the benefit of economies of scale.

All agreed that the principle of equal investment in training is a value worth preserving.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 16th February 2016.

**Carlo Caruso**

**Deputy Clerk on behalf of Kent LMC**