

Integration, Opportunities for Joint Commissioning

Social Care, Health and Wellbeing – Community Support Market Position Statement

The Government wants health and social care services to work together more efficiently so that people get the right combination of care and support. Kent County Council and all Seven Kent Clinical Commissioning Group have committed to full integration by 2020.

The **Health and Social Care Act 2012** sets out specific requirements for the health system and its relationship with care and support services. It gives a duty to NHS England, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Monitor and Health and Wellbeing Boards to make it easier for health and social care services to work together.

The Care Act 2014 provides the legal framework for changes to the social care system. The Act states that local authorities must consider the integration of care and support provision with health provision and health-related provision where it considers that this would promote the wellbeing of adults with needs for care and support and the well-being of carer's in its area. This will improve the quality of services and people's experiences of them. The Act also allows us to set the standards needed to create an electronic database of people's care assessments, and their care and treatment needs.

Kent is one of fourteen national Integration Pioneers chosen by the Department of Health to deliver integrated care and support at scale and pace. This is a whole system partnership programme involving all seven of Kent's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Adult Social Care, the Community Health Trust, the Mental Health Trust, all the Acute Hospitals, District Councils and engages with the voluntary sector and the public.

The Better Care Fund is seen as a key tool in delivering integration and underpins the implementation of the Pioneer Programme. To reflect the complex picture of health and social care within Kent, the Better Care Fund is built from a local level, with seven local CCG level plans.

The aim of the Pioneer Programme in Kent working with the Better Care Fund is: to put the citizen at the centre with services wrapped around them. To do this we said we would work to have:

- Integrated health and social care teams working 7 days, 24/7 in your local community;
- Your GP will coordinate your care, bridging the gap between your GP, social care, community health services and your hospital;
- You will have access to a shared care plan so you and everyone around you know about your care and support;
- Access services through a local referral unit with access to crisis teams and rapid response;
- Hospital without walls;
- One team, one estate working towards one budget;

- The continued focus on enablement, admission avoidance and crisis intervention.

KCC has developed the Kent Innovation Hub, which is a network of organisations across health, social care, the voluntary sector, industry and academia; locally, nationally and internationally who share good practice, tackle key challenges and aid the development and implementation of solutions for service change at pace and scale. The Hub is a central communication network, with most activity hosted virtually through Tweet chats and webinars, with additional workshops and conferences, focusing on the themes that support the Pioneers programme.

We are committed to full integration of both commissioning and provision. There is a great deal of joint working going on and new models of provision being developed. We recognise that there is and will be opportunities for providers and organisations to work with us on current and future developments. Our focus will be on promoting wellbeing, and promoting and supporting independence where possible in a person's own home.

In the ***NHS Five Year Forward View 2014*** There are a number of priorities set out in the five year plan with emphasis on preventing people becoming ill and developing long term conditions, the NHS becoming a better partner with voluntary organisations and local communities and the NHS taking steps to break down the barriers in how care is provided between family doctors and hospitals, between physical and mental health and between health and social care.