

Interim Report on Integrated Commissioning Arrangements

We would like to tell you
about our plans for an
integrated commissioning
team for learning disability.



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Working Together

The NHS in Kent and Kent County Council (KCC) have always worked closely together to plan, develop and deliver good quality care for people with a learning disability and their families.



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Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

The 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and KCC want to create a longer term partnership to ensure this good work continues.

They want to create an integrated commissioning team for learning disability.



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Where are the 7 CCG's?

1. Ashford
2. Canterbury and Coastal
3. Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley
4. South Kent Coast
5. Swale
6. Thanet
7. West Kent



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What would this mean?

KCC would manage a team of staff with knowledge and expertise of learning disability.

This would include staff who know about the NHS and what it needs to do to make sure people with learning disabilities get good healthcare.



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This team would work on behalf of KCC and the 7 CCGs. They would work closely with Public Health.

They would also work with other key partners like **NHSE** (**NHS** for **England** - they organise secure services for people on the Winterbourne register) and District Councils.

They will work closely with people who work on Children's services to make sure that the transition to adulthood is good.



The team would provide a single point of expertise to advise and lead the plans for learning disability in Kent.

This will ensure that all parties in Kent will work together on a common plan.

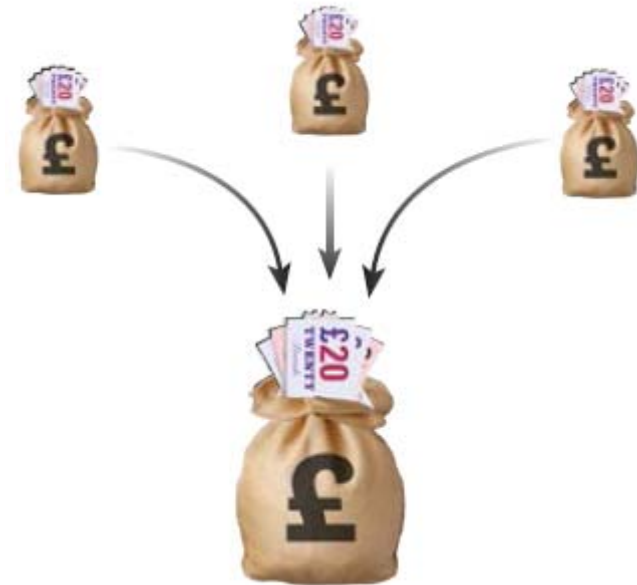


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Funding

They may create a pooled budget so the NHS and KCC money can be brought together into one pot.

This is being checked out to see if this would be the right thing to do and which money should be included in the pot.



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Section 75

A new Agreement will be needed to set out how the CCGs and KCC will work together to plan and buy care – this will be known as a Section 75 Agreement.



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Agreements

There will also be new Agreements to say how KCC, Kent Community Foundation Trust and Kent and Medway Partnership Trust will work together to provide community learning disability teams with staff from all their organisations.



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Section 75 Partnership Board

There is likely to be a new Section 75 Partnership Board so all the CCGs and KCC can come together to check how well the new arrangement is working and if the money is being spent wisely.



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The Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board will continue to play an important role in hearing about the CCG and KCC plans and making sure the voices of people with a learning disability are heard and listened to.



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Report

This report is asking the CCGs and KCC to check if they agree with plans to create a single team in KCC and the way it will work with all parties.

If they agree, a final report will be written in January so a final decision can be taken.

This will be ready for the new arrangements to come into place in April 2016.



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Questions?



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