

Thanet Local Partnership Group for Integrated Commissioning

1. Introduction.

The Local Partnership Group (LPG) for Integrated Commissioning is responsible for ensuring that there is a coordinated and consistent approach to commissioning services on behalf of partner agencies in Thanet. It aims to ensure a joined up approach to strategic planning and service delivery in order to maximise best use of public resources and deliver seamless services by working across organisational boundaries

The membership of the group will include a wide range of partners from across the public and voluntary sectors and it is expected that the membership will represent the entirety of services provided across the district.

2. Aims and Objectives of the Local Partnership Group.

The purpose of the LPG is to develop integrated commissioning responses between Kent County Council (KCC), Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Thanet District Council (TDC) to drive up quality, achieve value for money, increase productivity and improve outcomes by:

- Developing joined up commissioning intentions to support implementation of the Joint Health and Well Being Board (HWB) Strategy
- Developing a blueprint for change by producing costed action plans to support delivery of the joint HWBB strategy
- Engaging providers through Implementation Projects in order to ensure timely, appropriate service change takes place and new models of service are put in practice
- Taking an evidence based approach to promoting innovation to improve services outcomes
- Proposing changes to the processes of integrated commissioning so that stakeholders can commission better together.

As a sub group of the Thanet Health and Well Being Board, the LPG is committed to accelerating the transformation and integration of commissioned services so that they better serve the people and communities in our area and reduce inappropriate reliance on public sector funding. The plans will result in integrated care teams becoming the bedrock of person-centred, co-ordinated care. Through clinical leadership and engagement these teams will be rooted in our communities and have a strong capability to prevent and intervene earlier. In pursuit of this goal, we will draw on the assets available from individuals, communities and organisations to achieve the following objectives:

- Giving people a bigger say in their health and care by being involved in priority setting, engaging with people to commission services on behalf of the communities we serve and by supporting and enabling people to take greater responsibility for their own and their children's health and wellbeing.
- Commissioning services to meet people's needs and give them better experiences of health and care services. In practice, this means designing care and providing services around people's needs to remove duplication at every stage so that people who need care can be supported to stay in their homes and return to their communities for as long as possible.

- Commissioning services to reduce inequalities in access to health and care service access
- Commissioning services to continue to support and develop a motivated, flexible workforce with the right staff and resources in the right places
- Commissioning in a way that ensures we manage demand.

3. Membership of the Group.

The group will consist of individuals from the following organisations.

- Thanet CCG – Commissioning Manager
- Thanet CCG – Clinical Commissioner
- Thanet District Council.
- KCC, Public Health
- KCC, Social Services
- VCS rep (TBC)
- Chair of the LPG for Mental Health
- Chair of the LPG for Children
- Chair of the LPG for Frail Elderly
- Chair of the LPG for Inequalities

The chair of this group will be the Head of Strategic Planning and Commissioning for Thanet CCG. A vice chair will be nominated

Individuals or organisations may be co-opted onto the group as and when required.

4. Operation of the LPG

Frequency: The LPG will meet bi-monthly and be convened by the Chair in consultation with the nominated representatives of Thanet CCG, Thanet District Council and Kent County Council.

Quorum: At least 1 member must be present from Thanet CCG, TDC and KCC for a decision to be taken

Servicing Arrangements: Action notes of meetings will be shared with the LPG members. Papers will be published five working days before each meeting. Where the LPG is required to make a decision a written report will be provided and the lead officer requested to attend the meeting to present and answer questions

5. Governance Arrangements.

The LPG will be accountable to the Thanet Health and Well Being Board and respective executive decision making structures of KCC, Thanet CCG and TDC. The LPG will be advisory and make recommendations to the Health and Well-Being Board. It will provide detailed proposals so that informed decisions can be made. Proposals will be specific and individual organisational support will be needed at the appropriate times.

The LPG will be responsible for performance managing implementation projects. The Implementation Projects will be responsible for delivering service transformation plans.

The governance structure below outlines reporting arrangements:

(to be inserted)

Members will also be responsible for escalating barriers and blockers to the relevant organisations for resolution.

6. Dealing with sensitive matters and possible conflicts of interest

The LPG may at times have to consider confidential information on matters related to commissioning, procurement or performance. Members are individually required to declare known conflict of interests prior to commencement of meetings. The LPG will determine whether or not any declaration necessitates exclusion from discussion on specific issues

7. Administrative Support to the Group.

To be agreed, but responsibilities will include:

- Agenda setting, in consultation with the Chair.
- Booking of rooms.
- Taking of, and distribution of, notes of the meeting.

8. Review of Terms of Reference.

These will be reviewed annually