

Thanet Local Partnership Group for Mental Health

1. Introduction.

The membership of the group will include a wide range of partners from across the public and voluntary sectors who work with adults with mental health issues and it is expected that the membership will represent the entirety of services provided across the district.

The group will provide a connection between countywide strategic bodies and those working with adults with mental health problems at a local level. There will also need for close working with other Local Partnership Groups (LPG) to ensure consistency of plans, eg the children's LPG which will be responsible for mental health services for children and young people.

2. Aims and Objectives of the Local Partnership Group.

The primary objective of the LPG for mental health is to drive improvement in outcomes for adults in Thanet with mental health problems. The work of the LPG will be focussed, data-driven and underpinned at all times by delivering a measurable improvement in selected indicators. The work of the LPG will be aligned to the work of the Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The aims of the group will be to:

- Share information to provide an understanding of the range of local services, their remit, activity and capacity.
- Identify local needs and gaps in service provision.
- Develop proposals to eliminate gaps in service provision.
- Identify areas for joint commissioning and provision of services.
- Facilitate the pooling of resources to meet the needs of local adults with mental health problems.
- Identify areas of duplication and streamline service provision.

3. Membership of the Group.

The group will consist of individuals from the following organisations.

- Thanet CCG commissioner.
- Thanet CCG clinical lead.
- Thanet District Council.
- KCC – public health.
- KCC – social services.
- The police.
- Kent and Medway Partnership Trust.
- Strategic Partner for Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service.
- Voluntary sector organisations (to be agreed).

The group will nominate or elect a Chair.

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

4. Frequency of Meetings.

To be agreed.

5. Governance Arrangements.

The group does not have any formal decision making powers, but will report to the Local Partnership Group for Integrated Commissioning and will provide regular updates to the Thanet HWB (frequency to be agreed). All members of the group will be responsible for reporting back to their own organisation and using appropriate governance structures to obtain any decisions required to support the work of the group.

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.

7. Review of Terms of Reference.

These will be reviewed annually.