

Mental Health Services review

**Early notification of an options appraisal workshop for acute mental health services
Friday 24 February – 2pm to 7pm - Cavalier Suite, King Charles Hotel, Brompton Road,
Gillingham, Kent ME 7 5QT.**

As Members are aware Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust is working with mental health commissioners at NHS Kent and Medway to develop a long-term clinical strategy for adults in an acute phase of mental illness. This is in conjunction with improvements to the management by primary care of people with mental health needs

To deliver the best possible inpatient care for people in an acute phase of mental illness, it is proposed to explore moving to a model of **centres of excellence** in Kent and Medway. Each based in modern, purpose-built, accommodation, with a critical mass of staff to provide the best quality of care for patients.

This model would improve safety and promote recovery, which is better for service users, better for staff, and represents a better use of NHS resources.

We would like to invite Members to a stakeholder options appraisal workshop to review all viable options regarding the potential centres of excellence for Kent and Medway.

This workshop will be from 2-7pm on Friday 24 February Cavalier Suite, King Charles Hotel, Brompton Road, Gillingham, Kent ME 7 5QT. Full details of the event will be sent to all Members shortly.