



## **Kent Drug and Alcohol Services Commissioning Update – October 2017**

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### **1. Adult Drug and Alcohol Services**

#### **1.1 West Kent Drug and Alcohol Service**

The West Kent contract, delivered by CGL has been in place since April 2016 and following a period of co-design, a new operational model was agreed in September 2016. We are currently working with CGL to deliver the following improvements to the service:

- Building ‘recovery capital’ for service users to focus on what a service user needs to begin treatment and those aspects that are needed to maintain or build change. A “Building Recovery in the Community” worker has been recruited into the service and is currently working with service users to develop links in the West Kent community.
- Ensuring that recovery is prominent in services and treatment systems through the use of ‘Recovery Motivators’.
- Delivering interventions in a dynamic way which does not allow service users to drift into long-term maintenance.

#### **1.2 The East Kent Drug and Alcohol Service**

In East Kent, The Forward Trust (formerly RAPt) are five months into the new contract and have begun Phase 3 of the co-design process for the new service. In collaboration with key stakeholders they are focusing on work stream planning around the priorities identified for each hub area. Areas of focus include, Mental Health, opiate service users and building recovery capital.

### **2. Young Person’s Drug and Alcohol Service**

We are currently in the process of commissioning a new Young Person’s Drug and Alcohol Service. The procurement process is underway and the new contract will be awarded to the successful Provider in early October 2017. The service will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and will include a “core service” for 11-18 year olds with the flexibility to provide interventions for 18-24 year olds who have an identified need for the young person’s provision (rather than simply accessing the adult provision). We will work with the successful Provider to mobilise the new service throughout October, November and December to ensure a seamless transfer to the new service.