

UPDATE ON CCG DISTRICT NURSING SERVICES

Health Liaison Board - 5 February 2020

Report of Chief Officer People and Places

Status For Information

Key Decision No

Executive Summary: This report provides Members with an update on the current District Nursing Service operated by West Kent and Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley (DGS) Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

This report supports the Key Aim of providing the right support at the right time, reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing for all

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Recommendation to Housing and Health Advisory Committee: That the information in the report be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Community nursing services, including District Nurses, have traditionally provided reactive nursing care for housebound residents. District nursing services play an important role in helping people to maintain their independence by supporting them to manage long-term conditions and treating acute illnesses.
- 2 In 2013, the Department of Health, NHS Commissioning Board and Queen's Nursing Institute set out a model for the future of district nursing. This stated there should be a focus on enabling a move from the acute to community settings and enhanced partnerships through multi-disciplinary teams (MDT's) to deliver services through joint patient assessments tailored to patient needs.
- 3 Community and district nurses now provide a wider range of services to meet the health and medical needs of people, providing vital support services to local people, often from their at home and in local communities. They work as part of integrated nursing teams linked to GP surgeries, alongside community and practice nurses within local multi-disciplinary teams.
- 4 A 2016 King's Fund report 'A quality framework for district nursing' set out nine characteristics for good quality care in district nursing, these were:

- Caring for the whole person
- Continuity of care
- Personal manner of staff
- Scheduling and reliability of appointments
- Being available between appointments
- Valuing and involving carers and family members
- Nurses acting as co-ordinators and advocates
- Clinical competence and expertise
- Patient education and support for self-management

5 CCG representatives will attend the meeting to update Members on this service.

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications for the Council associated to this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications for the Council associated to this report.

Equality Assessment

No decision is required as part of this paper and therefore no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

For Members to note the details about the District Nursing Services for West Kent and DGS Clinical Commissioning Groups, presented by CCG representatives.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

<https://www.qni.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/vision-district-nursing.pdf>

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/quality-district-nursing/framework>

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