

Kings Health Partners 'Homeless Medical Respite' Options Paper

Guy's and St Thomas' Charity is funding an investigation into improving care for homeless patients leaving hospitals within King's Health Partners (Guy's and St Thomas', King's College Hospital, and South London and the Maudsley).

The work will look at options for supporting support patients with physical or mental health problems, focussing on those experiencing delayed discharge, those who attend hospital frequently, homeless people with terminal illnesses, and those with cognitive rehabilitation needs.

The project will be delivered by Dr Nigel Hewett and Nurse Samantha Dorney-Smith, and will build on their previous partnership delivering the Needs Assessment for the KHP Pathway Homeless Team. The work commences in October 2015, and the paper will hopefully be complete by March 2016.

The paper aims to:

- Provide a review of homeless medical respite facilities nationally / internationally
- Provide data on potential local need using KHP Pathway Homeless team data
- Outline current schemes within London, and talk to the staff of these schemes about their experiences, and perceived opportunities and threats
- Liaise with key stakeholders including those in the voluntary sector
- Outline the views of 'experts by experience'
- Explore the current commissioning environment
- Liaise with commissioners about potential future commissioning intentions, and plans for action
- Propose possible options for improving / building upon existing homeless intermediate care provision

Once an options paper has been delivered the intention will be to deliver a specific business case on one or more of the options at a later date.

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