

Thames Valley Mental Health Neurology and Dementia Strategic Clinical Network



An overview

 Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs) aim to support commissioners and service providers in improving people's experience of health and care services, and in improving health outcomes.





Context

- SCNs came into operation in April 2013. Link to National Clinical directors
- Link to NHS operating Framework domains:
 - Preventing people dying prematurely
 - Enhancing quality of life in long-term conditions
 - Helping people recover
 - Ensuring a positive experience
 - Treatment and care in a safe environment





Led by clinicians, SCNs aim to:

- bring together a range of expertise on a specific condition including people with lived experience, commissioners, providers, and different professional groups
- influence and help commissioners to improve the planning and delivery of services
- help tackle local health challenges
- help implement large-scale change across complex systems, redesign care pathways, and improve health outcomes
- help achieve the ambitions of the NHS Outcomes
 Framework, the NHS Constitution, the QIPP challenge,
 other English policies (such as the mental health
 strategy), and to promote equality.



Thames Valley MHDN SCN

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Work to date

- Crisis Concordat
- Street triage
- GP mental health leadership programme
- Berkshire East pilot project "Improving the Emotional and Mental Wellbeing of Children under five"





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- Developed MH Commissioning guidance http://tvscn.nhs.uk/about/about-uscase-studies/
- Provided expert review of bids for Mental Health Resilience Funding
- Funds network manager for Suicide Prevention and intervention Network across TV
- Evaluation of IAPT pilots





Key work plan priorities

- Suicide prevention
- Mental physical parity
- Psychological Therapies and Long Term Conditions
- Psychological Therapies for Psychosis
- Street Triage
- Crisis care concordat
- Support implementation of access and waiting times for EIP and IAPT
- Southern region mental health priority programme