



encompass
Working together for better health and care

Patient Information Leaflet:

Your GP practice is in a partnership, with 14 medical practices across Whitstable, Canterbury, Faversham, Sandwich and Ash. They have come together as a Multi- speciality Community Provider (MCP) known as **Encompass** working together to provide services for 170,000 patients in their local communities.

We are part of something called a “**vanguard programme**”, which means we have made a bid to NHS England for special funding to improve the health of local people by testing new models of care.

Being a **vanguard** means we can speed up the changes to do things differently. We want to use our valuable resources wisely and continue to provide our patients with high quality, joined up services which meet the growing demands in the future.

So how will this be different?

Working together in partnership we will;

- **Avoid duplication**- share relevant aspects of your care record to avoid every service asking you for the same information,
- **Use the funding we have wisely**- working together, sharing information identify gaps in your care or helping to diagnose quicker,
- **Keep you well at home to avoid going into hospital**- by working together we can predict a decline in your health with out of hospital care through a community paramedic team.
- **Have a directory of services available in the community**- you may have a need for community support; with lifestyle changes, combating loneliness, dealing with bereavement, maintaining fitness etc. We will find something to support and help meet your requirements.



Our Aspiration: is to bring NHS, Kent County Council, the Voluntary and Care Sectors together to provide high quality joined up services to tackle these issues.

We will be asking you for;

- Yours views
- Ideas and
- Consent to share relevant aspects of your care between the named organisations mentioned.

If you want to talk to us please contact.....

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