



A NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR KENT AND MEDWAY

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KENT AND MEDWAY MEDICAL SCHOOL (KMMS)

Our shared vision is to create a new medical school for Kent and Medway that becomes a beacon for first-class medical education and research. The new teaching and research centre will attract the most talented aspiring doctors and surgeons to the region. It will be the first choice for medical students aiming to achieve excellence in patient-focused medical care in the UK.

THE NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO:

- recruiting the best medical talent to Kent and Medway
- retaining skilled medical professionals within the region's healthcare system
- seeking innovative solutions to improve healthcare in the region
- collaborating with local education networks to inspire new entrants to the medical profession.

By harnessing the expertise within Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent, we will establish the county's first-ever medical school and help ease the current recruitment challenges faced by our region's healthcare providers.

"The potential new medical school for Kent and Medway is an essential part of the solution for recruiting and retaining a strong workforce for the future. Both universities are exceptional in their fields and we fully support their bid. The transformation that this could bring for our workforce would be huge, not just for medical education, but for the knock-on impact for other health and social care professions."

Hazel Smith, Accountable Officer for NHS South Kent Coast and Thanet Clinical Commissioning Groups and lead on workforce for the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership

THE NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL WILL OFFER:

- a model that starts in the community and primary care with early clinical placements within Community Education Provider Networks – covering GP surgeries, pharmacies and local care centres – from year one
- 100 undergraduate places annually in a centre for first-class medical education and research to support future workforce planning in the region
- collaborative teams that are embedded within local NHS providers and are committed to leading and transforming healthcare delivery
- high-quality research to find evidence-based solutions to promote health, address local challenges and reduce inequalities in provision across the county.



OUR PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVISION

"This is a hugely important opportunity that could be a game-changer for Kent's NHS, boosting local recruitment by helping to 'grow our own' health professionals of the future. A medical school is also a magnet for attracting research and intellect to a health system. Having a medical school in Kent could change the nature of what we can offer to our local population and to the role we could play in the wider NHS."

Susan Acott, Interim Chief Executive of East Kent Hospitals
University NHS Foundation Trust

The new medical school will bring together the two universities and local healthcare organisations to offer an innovative approach to teaching and research. Our partnership will provide a 'new model' medical school based on a holistic patient-centred, integrated approach to health and care. The approach will centre on collaboration between the existing centres of excellence in medical teaching provided by the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University.

The universities provide wide-ranging health and social care education, research and innovation, alongside strong established partnerships with the regional NHS. Combining excellent teaching and research facilities at key locations in Kent and Medway, the universities ensure graduates and professionals are trained to meet future healthcare workforce needs aimed at improving the quality of care provided for patients.

The medical school bid is supported by Brighton and Sussex Medical School as 'parent partner' institution. It is the UK's top-ranking undergraduate medical school for overall student satisfaction (achieving 99% in the most recent National Student Survey) and works extensively with NHS organisations throughout the South East. Experts from the School have advised on the bid process and on the proposed programmes the new medical school will offer.

THE NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL AIMS TO:

- address workforce shortages in priority areas by developing doctors in specialities that are currently under-represented in Kent and Medway
- offer five-year undergraduate programmes resulting in joint degrees from both institutions in Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- deliver teaching and research across both universities' Canterbury and Medway campuses, building on their existing knowledge and expertise
- ensure students are fully part of both student communities, working closely with those in other health and social care programmes and taking up placements that embed them within community healthcare organisations.





BENEFITS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Our partnership will help to address the healthcare provision challenges in our region by meeting the urgent need to recruit and retain skilled medical professionals.

KENT AND MEDWAY HAS:

- 249 GP PRACTICES
- 4 ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING COMMUNITY CARE
- 4 HOSPITAL TRUSTS PROVIDING SERVICES IN SEVEN ACUTE HOSPITALS
- 13 COMMUNITY HOSPITALS
- 3 ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH CARE
- 1 AMBULANCE TRUST.

The new medical school will help to address current difficulties staffing NHS roles in these front-line services. With Kent and Medway's population expected to grow by almost a quarter (414,000 new people) by 2031, the shortage of doctors and other skilled health professionals in the region will deepen if we do not act now.

OUR NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL WILL:

- create a source of skilled future healthcare professionals to work in both primary and secondary healthcare in the region into the 2030s and beyond, helping to improve the quality of front-line care
- align the expansion of provision of training in the region with local NHS workforce needs and provide skills to match priority training needs in key geographical areas
- offer best-in-class training and clinical placements with an exceptional student experience
- directly address challenges within the local health economy, including inequalities in provision, to help transform patient care
- partner with local schools and colleges to widen participation, drawing on the universities' existing outreach programmes to ensure we attract a diverse student body that is representative of the local community
- work collaboratively with local authorities, health organisations and other education providers so that our programmes are aligned with local needs.

"Kent could benefit enormously from a medical school. We need more doctors locally, and Government plans to increase medical school places mean now is a golden opportunity. Kent is already strong in life sciences. We have faculties for biosciences and pharmacy at the University of Kent and Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professional training at Canterbury Christ Church University. With so much healthcare and bioscience activity locally, there's a really strong case for a medical school."

Helen Whately, Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent

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THE KMMS STUDENT OFFER

- Five-year undergraduate programme resulting in joint degrees from both institutions in Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.
- Early Clinical Placements in a model which starts in community and primary care then moves into acute.
- Focus on developing doctors with passion for specialties currently under-represented in Kent and Medway.
- Supported by Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the UK's top-ranked undergraduate-entry medical school for overall satisfaction, scoring 99% in the National Student Survey.

KMMS will engage extensively in widening participation by working closely with local schools and colleges, drawing on existing programmes at the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University.

KMMS brings together complementary institutions in the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University.

The school will be based on both campuses with students fully part of both student communities, particularly able to work closely with other students in health and social care programmes.

The medical school is supported by Brighton and Sussex Medical School and will develop a curriculum based upon this, adapted to the circumstances of Kent and Medway.

The distinctive placement model places students within the community setting 'hubs' from which they will access 'spoke' placements in NHS and private, voluntary and independent settings.

Early clinical placements within Community Education Provider Networks from year 1.

Developing future doctors to support Kent and Medway's communities into the 2030s and beyond.

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THE PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

The joint bid we submitted in November 2017 to fund a new medical school was the culmination of more than a year's work and is in response to the Government's commitment to fund an additional 1,500 medical places by 2020. Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent will meet initial start-up costs for the project, investing approximately £6m. We anticipate that additional capital costs will be supported by regional partners.

We consulted fully with key regional stakeholders before submitting our bid and we are pleased to have secured support for our proposals from across the county, including MPs, Kent County Council, local authorities, NHS Trusts, and other health and education organisations.

THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS ARE:

- outcome of bid process announced by 31 March 2018
- location for new medical school development to be proposed and consultation with key stakeholders to begin
- further consultation with regional NHS partners and healthcare organisations to shape the design of the school and its degree programmes
- medical school to open and welcome first students in 2020.

YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL TRAINING AND HEALTHCARE PROVISION IN KENT AND MEDWAY SO THAT:

- we ensure our training programmes and research meet the future healthcare needs of the region
- our partnership approach delivers wider participation in our training programmes and deeper collaboration with organisations responsible for healthcare delivery
- it helps to transform healthcare provision in the region by triggering innovative new approaches in patient care.

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