Method

Patients, carers and staff are recruited from selected intervention and comparison sites situated across the county of Kent, UK (KCHFT target n=100 participants). Data collection and analysis involves the use of mixed-methods. Anonymised participants are asked to complete a series of questionnaires at specific points over a maximum of two years, and help is available from the research team to support the participation of patients and carers. Patient data is also collected from GP surgeries regarding changes in care, and yearly focus groups are conducted with intervention teams. Analysis of the data is completed by the lead evaluation partners.

Research ethics and Health Research Authority (HRA) approval was obtained.

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