



Encompass MCP Vanguard – Poem



Encompass Vanguard is an MCP,

What's an MCP, between you and me?

It stands for Multi-Speciality Community Provider,
Meaning services are changing, becoming much wider.

GPs working together is our ambition,
Surrounded by a team, as part of this transition,
To bring Health, Care and the Voluntary sector,
Together as one to make services better.

Services better what do you mean?

Well we're all living longer, growing older it seems,
With more health conditions requiring more care,
But less professionals to provide them, so it makes sense we must share.

But what about me, I want hospital care?

Hospital care, I'd be aware,
It's not always the place for those who are older or frail
Beware of the consequences, and what may prevail.

A year of aging for each day in bed, not much of an option it's got to be said!



Of course hospitals are fantastic; we don't want them to close,
But they need to see the right people, there are some ratios,
Of those who are extremely poorly and need a hospital bed,
And others who would be better treated in their home instead.

You may be better at home with wrapped around care,
If a team was available, and could be readily there.
They'd know you and your wishes, to help keep you well,
And could anticipate a crisis, or a sudden rocky spell.

Your team will discuss options with you,
Creating a plan, which considers your loved ones too.
You'll have all the details of the action to take,
When you feel suddenly vulnerable or happen to ache.

I don't think my GP will manage all this,
I trust them entirely and know they will resist,
They're already overrun and can hardly cope,
I'm sure all this new stuff is out of their scope!



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Working together for better health and care

Resist I don't think so, you must think this through,
They will be the heart of the team, thinking of you.
Having all the services working as one,
Will support GP practice, a change has begun!

A change has begun, I don't understand,
You're talking in rhymes, please do expand?

Of course I will, because it's quite plain,
To keep you at home is our greatest aim!

Oh now don't preach I've heard this before,
You're just trying to privatise through the back door!
I've seen all the jargon and heard things from my friends,
I'm worried that services will come to an end!

Apologies, we've confused with the jargon that's used
But working together must be good news,
We're trying our hardest to make services last
We just can't keep doing what we've done in the past.

I'm frightened, what happens if I get really sick,
End up in A&E, it can happen quite quick?

The team will act quickly to get you back home,



They have your details and contacts on the end of the phone.

Can I just add, it's not only me,

What about the others in my family?

Of course let me explain the future, and how we plan to behave,

Joined up care in all services, from cradle to grave.

Well I've listened to you and heard this idea,

You're intentions are right and desire sincere.

But have you proof that this MCP will work,

I don't want to tell others and just see them smirk?

We've got masses of evidence, hold on to your ears,

After all we've been at this now for three years!

It shows very clearly joined up working is best

We now have to spread it and tell all the rest.

So working together as our MCP,

Means better services for you and you're family.