

Improving Community Mental Health Services in Kent

Friday, 25 November 2016 from 9:30am for a 10am start until 4:30pm

**Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way
Lenham, Nr Maidstone ME17 2QT**

Kent County Council currently funds a range of support services that enable people with mental health problems to live in their own homes in the community; we need to recommission these services. This event is an opportunity for people to come together to begin a journey to design a new model of community support that;

- Promotes and maintains people's independence and wellbeing
- Enables people to have choice and control
- Enables us to work more strategically with providers
- Incentivises the right behaviour – being both outcome and recovery focussed
- Supports the move to most suitable accommodation, wherever possible people having their own tenancy in community
- Avoids duplication, waste and confusion
- Identifies and fixes gaps in current pathways
- Develops better range of housing options – in accordance with the *Accommodation Strategy*
- Explore models of personalisation such as Individual Services Funds or Provider Managed Services

Who should attend?

This is an open event where we want to hear a broad range of opinions to help us begin to shape future service re-design. We would like to have people attend from the following groups;

- People with mental health issues and their Carers / Families
- Providers of care and support
- Community Mental Health Team Members
- District and Borough Councils
- Clinical Commissioning Groups

The event will be your opportunity to both hear about how mental health services are changing in Kent and participate in designing the next steps of change. The event will include a range of presentation, workshops and networking.

To express an interest in attending please email: CommunitySupport@kent.gov.uk

To ensure we get a balanced mix of people attending we will inform people by email if they have been allocated a place. If the event is oversubscribed we may hold a second event.

**Yours sincerely, Emma Hanson - Head of Strategic Commissioning
for Community Based Support**



