**KENT HOUSING OPTIONS SUB GROUP (KHOG) MEETING**

**2 NOVEMBER 2017**

**Held at Maidstone BC Office, Maidstone House, Maidstone**

**Present: Marie Gerald – Deputy Chair, Lesley Clay JPPB, Elly Toye, Lynn Wilders, Sylvia Roberts, Mike Barrett, John Littlemore, Andy Kefford, Andrew McDonald, Roxanne Sheppard, Vicky Hodson, Deborah White, Jason Wheble, Victoria May, Marion Money, Stuart Clifton, Lora McCourt, Pam Millington.**

**Apologies:** Brian Horton, Horton Strategic and SELEP; Jill Pells KHG; Sarah Robson KHG; Jeff Burch KSSCRC; Jane Smither TMBC; Jane Lang TWBC; Jane Griffiths bpha.

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| **Reference** | **Notes/Outcome** | **Timescale** | **Lead person** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Action log from Meeting 14 September 2017** | Cost of TA now concluded  NMG stated that most landlords charge 1-2 weeks RIA regardless of UC.  With regard to YP Joint protocol, we will probably go straight to training rather than a launch now, given time constraints.  All salaries for HO now sent to SC except for Medway and Shepway. |  |  | Info re HO salaries to be circulated to LHA members |
| **18 Plus Protocol and Shadowing of 18Plus Team** | Protocol now amended and will be sent out to partners asap.  LHAs willing for shadowing with colleagues from 18 plus team. Contact details to be sent to AM.  MB concerned that, with the review of commissioned services in KCC re supported accommodation, placements for 18-24 year olds, who are not care leavers , may be in adult accommodation with people with chaotic lifestyles. | 20 November | **LC**  **MG** | Protocol now agreed. |
| **Homeless Reduction Act** | Homelessness Code of Guidance is now out for consultation.  LHAs have been notified of new burdens funding – unclear as to when this will be arriving, and the time cycle after this. Additional £8000 for IT, but this is difficult as there is a tendering process for Homechoice at the moment.  There will be a wider meeting with the London LHAs re out of area placements, especially around gangs.  Failure to comply – does this take account of ill mental health? It is quite difficult to sign off duty as threshold is ‘deliberate and unreasonable’ refusal to comply.  In terms of support for those customers who won’t have made an application but may look for advice – may be some signposting and advice needed unless it looks likely that homelessness may be a future risk and so duties will be as under HRA.  GDPR –be aware of the changes in data protection | 11 December | **MG** | KHOG joint response to be notified to KHG  to be monitored by KHOG |
| **MAPPA Housing Panel** | Still in a pilot phase -there is a specific panel including representation from KHOG, to look at accommodation for levels 2 and 3 of MAPPAs where housing needs are complex . Over one year, there were 11 cases, with only 1 ending up with social housing. This panel will prevent these cases coming to LHAs under the HRA as the appropriate providers are represented there. MG contacts any LHA where there are relevant actions and the LHA may then wish to attend the panel. MB said that there is still some bed spaces which should be provided by KCC as part of probation money (probation after care grant) which was put into supporting people some years ago. |  | **MG** | MG will circulate review |
| **Training for 16/17 Joint Protocol** | KHOG agreed to have one consistent presentation to deliver at each training session. | TBC | **MG** |  |
| **Other Protocols** | Offender protocol to be refreshed | TBC |  |  |
| **Training Opportunities**  **Case Law** | Andy Gale visiting next week  HAST training at Sevenoaks - queries re parking\*  ET asked if anyone is running new starter courses -NHAS is running a course on the HRA  CIH conference on 30 Nov  Two rulings – one re settled accommodation and one re the word ‘significantly’ (more vulnerable). Case law can be found on sites at Nearly Legal and Lime Legal. New case law re out of area placements. |  |  | \*DW to send a map out for parking in Sevenoaks - *done* |
| **AOB** | MB- Porchlight has allocated some funding for their own research on female rough sleepers as other research has indicated that the percentage in Kent is high, so need to find out if this is accurate. Anticipating a large rise in rough sleeping generally. |  |  |  |
| **Full Meeting Ends/Local Housing Authorities Meeting Commences** | | | | |
| **Emergency Accommodation Protocol** | Already re-designed by SC and MG and has now been finally amended by KHOG. | November 2017 | **LC** | Protocol to be finished and circulated and put on KHG/JPPB website |
| **AOB** | Potential for those who have been trafficked and are held in a safe house to present at one LHA. SC – may not always be eligible for assistance. |  |  |  |
| **Next Meeting** | **Full Meeting**, **15 March 2018** at 10 am (MBC) |  |  |  |
| **2018 Meetings** | All to be at MBC and to start at 10 am prompt.  **21 June** (**Local Housing Authorities only meeting**);  **13 September** (**Local Housing Authorities only meeting**);  **1 November** (**Full Meeting**);  **13 December 2018** (**Local Housing Authorities only meeting**) |  |  |  |