

Mental Health Housing Related Support

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Provision

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West Kent, Canterbury & Coastal and Ashford

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Thanet, South Kent Coast, DGS & Swale

CCG Area	Number of accommodation units
Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley	74
Swale	18
Thanet	14
South Kent Coast	27
Canterbury & Coastal	15
Ashford	10
West Kent	99



Who the service supports

- Kent residents aged 18+
- Single
- Primary need is mental health diagnosis
- People may also have secondary needs related to substance misuse, a learning disability, physical disability, sensory impairment, or a health & social care-related issue
- Should not be in an acute or crisis situation when referred



What the service offers

- Self-contained flats or private rooms in shared accommodation
- Time-limited, recoveryfocused support to move on and live more independently
- Flexible support between 3-15 hours per week depending on scheme
 - Live well Kent Community wellbeing

- Managing mental health
- Managing a tenancy
- Independent living skills
- Managing money and budgeting
- Helping people become part of the community
- Accessing community support
- Getting into volunteering, training or work

Accessing the service

- Central referral system to ensure consistency and access for those who need it most
- Professional referrals only
- Detailed referral form will delay process if not completed fully
- Panel process
- Panel meets monthly although ability to respond more quickly
- If suitable through panel screening, referral made to respective provider, who completes more detailed assessment
- If not suitable, or no voids, will discuss alternatives with referrer/client



Contact

 West Kent (including, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & Malling & Maidstone), Canterbury and Coastal, and Ashford Thanet, South Kent Coast (Folkestone & Dover), Swale, and Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley

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