

KCC Commissioning Overview - Adult Social Care

Kent Housing Options Group
27 May 2022

Kent Homeless Connect – Progress and Next Steps



- The public consultation on the proposal to end Kent Homeless Connect is underway and is open until **6 June**. There have been 4 public drop in sessions and a further 8 closed events ringfenced for people who use/have used the service.
- At the time of writing we have received 150 responses to the questionnaire. We are analysing the responses each week.
- Please do give us your feedback and suggestions www.kent.gov.uk/homelessnessconsultation and cascade through your networks
- A consultation report will draw together all of the information gathered and this will inform the decision.
- The decision is planned to be made via Cabinet meeting on [21 July 2022](#) Papers will be published ahead of the meeting.
- The decision includes an agreement to make funding available from the council's reserves from the end of the contract on 30 September to aid the transition to alternative support.
- We're working with district, borough and city councils and providers to plan this transition and then use the plan to calculate the costs so we know how much is needed from reserves.

Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service



(Live Well Kent and Medway www.livewellkent.org.uk)

- Jointly funded by KCC Adult Social Care and Public Health, Kent and Medway CCG and Medway Unitary authority.
- Integrated model has been successful in engaging people in innovative approaches to improving their mental health and wellbeing, based on their individual needs; Live Well Kent has become an important part of the mental health pathway in Kent.
- The universal service is delivered by two Strategic Partners, Porchlight and Shaw Trust who manage a delivery network, taking on a market stewardship role to build capacity and sustainability within the voluntary sector network, which is funded through the contract. The network has changed over the life of the contract, responding to the needs of local people.
- The service began on 1 April 2016 and the current contract ends on 31 March 2023.
- The council has agreed to recommission the service and the opportunity is currently live at Selection Stage on the Kent Business portal www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk . The new service will go live on **1 April 2023**.

Community Based Wellbeing Services

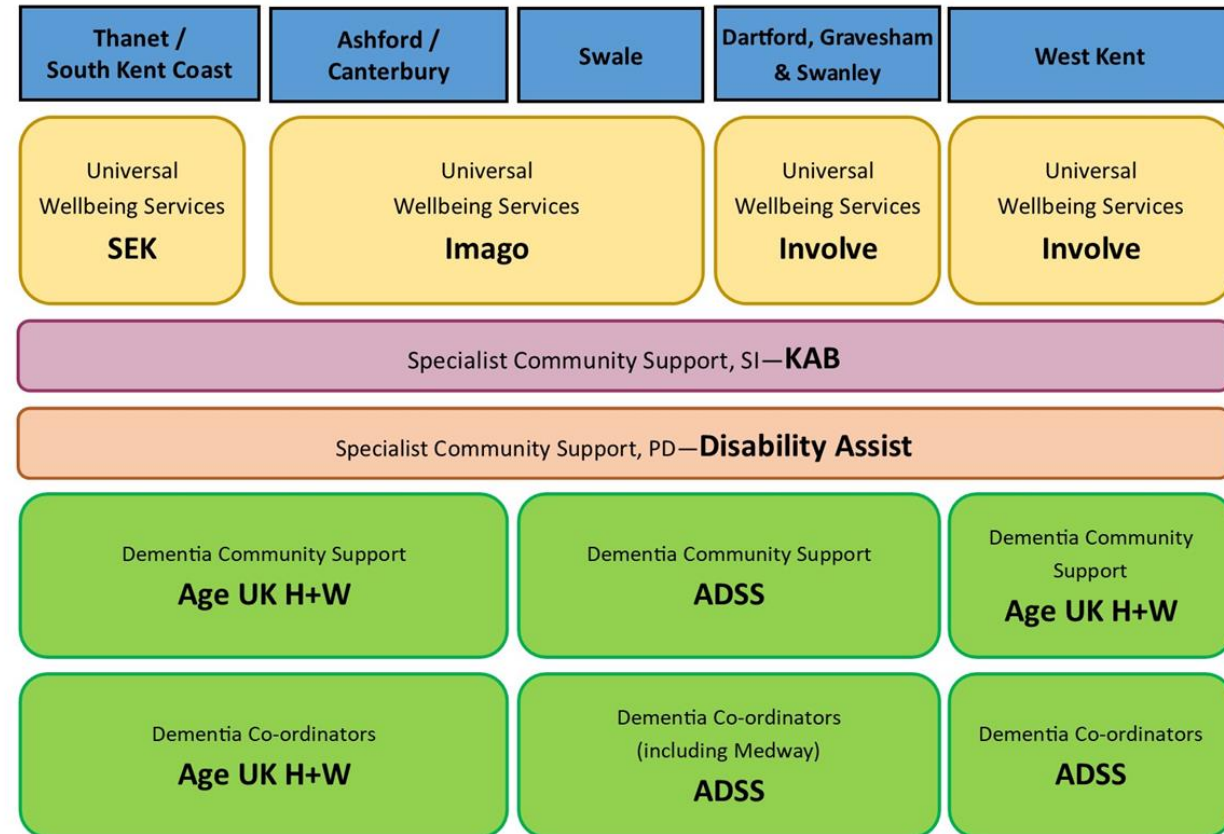


Community based services that provide a person-centred approach to delivering support to help keep people living independently better and longer by reducing social isolation and helping people feel more connected to their community

12 contracts (geographically split) now in place covering:

- Universal Wellbeing Services (age 55+)
 - Specialist Wellbeing Services for People with a Sensory Impairment (age 18+)
 - Specialist Wellbeing Services for People with a Physical Disability (age 18+)
 - Specialist Community Support for People with Dementia and their Families
 - Dementia Coordinator Services in Kent & Medway (funded by KMCCG)
- Three contracts now in second operational year, other services commenced in April 2022.
 - Service promotion underway for newly operational contracts
 - Work commenced to ensure seamless pathways between all services for referrals and support

Service Model



- Key decision has been made by the councils leader to accept the 2022/23 funding allocation and work is underway on proposals for how this will be used
(<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2601>)
- The KIDAS contract has been recognised as a model of good practice and provided a sound platform to attract other funding; it has enabled us to respond quickly to the new requirements of the DA Act
- Presented at LGA event on 18 May using KIDAS as a good example of integrated working. Positive feedback from attending LAs (can share slides)
- KIDAS collaborated on two funding bids for MOJ funding – to continue additional outreach resource and recruit young person IDVAs across the county – outcome awaited in the next few weeks
- Further funding opportunity due to come out in the next week – specifically for support for child victims of DA – children’s commissioner is engaging with PCC and market to explore a consortium bid
- DHR 34 / Simran has been published this week – encourage to read and consider learnings
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/partnerships/kent-community-safety-partnership/domestic-homicide-reviews#tab-1,2>
- KIDAS providers have developed bespoke training for Kent Police to upskill their officers – this is now being delivered and has received positive feedback
- Kent Police are launching a new ‘DA Hub’ in May – (can share a briefing note)
- Planning underway for KHG event **on 20 June** – thank you to John and Helen for their support
- This year we will start the work to think about what the next iteration of domestic abuse support service could look like

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