

**Kent Housing Options Group (LA Membership)**

**7 July 10.00-12.30**

**Microsoft Teams or in person at Maidstone Borough Council Offices**

**Agenda**

10.00 Matters Arising

10.10 DLUHC Updates – Alex Clarke

10.20 Beam – Maddy Goldrick

10.40 Health Needs Assessment and draft Kent Substance Misuse Strategy – Lin Guo & Nirosha Dissanyake

10.55 Commissioning Updates, KHC, YP, DA (written update for D&A already circulated)

11.10 Comfort break

11.20 COMF update – Toni Carter

11.25 [Protocols](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/briefing-papers-consultation-responses/) update

DA reciprocal agreement in social housing – Lisa Clarke

IH/Families with complex needs – seeking volunteers for joint working group with KCC

[Kent Agency Assessment Form](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/protocols/kent-agency-assessment-form/) – Vicky Hodson

KMPT and the old Joint Protocol for planned discharge for homeless people from mental health in patient facilities - Manpreet Bhupal

Young Persons Protocol – Robin Cahill & Natalia Merritt

Duty to Refer – been circulated - Helen Miller

11.45 Agreeing the response to KHG Board on being bid ready – Manpreet Bhupal

11.50 Delivering Temporary Accommodation - discussion

12.10 Topics for KHG events

12.15 Any Urgent National Policy, Case Law Updates

12.20 AOB (to include topics for next meetings 15 Sept 2022; 10 November 2022)

This meeting will be a hybrid, so run on both Teams and in person. If you would like to attend the meeting at Maidstone House email HM to inform her by 9am on 4th July.

**Objectives from the Kent and Medway Housing** [**Strategy**](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/protocols/kent-medway-housing-strategy-2020-2025-a-place-people-want-to-call-home/) **that KHOG helps deliver;**

**Health and Wellbeing**

HW4 Share, enhance and promote the successful Hospital Discharge Schemes to enable all residents of Kent and Medway to benefit from this service – where person is homeless

HW7 Inform and influence countywide strategies that impact upon housing support and care provision for all vulnerable clients groups, children, young people, adults and the ageing population

HW8 Continue established countywide approach and partnership working to reduce and prevent homelessness

**Working together for safer homes**

SH4 Strengthen the partnership working to include how Kent Housing Group respond collectively to local or national consultations that will impact upon the safety and well-being of Kent and Medway residents

SH6 Promote and facilitate the sharing of information about services that can be offered to residents to support the countywide and individual health and wellbeing agendas

**Affordability**

A4 Continually review homelessness prevention policy and procedure, including the review of countywide protocols

A5 Explore new models and pathways to support vulnerable members of the community, including sharing learning and best practice regarding Housing First pilots

A6 Support the County Council to determine and shape the market about future provision of accommodation care and support for social care client groups

A7 Understand and influence the development of affordable housing that is flexible to meet changing needs, including meeting the needs of those with physical disability