

**Kent Housing Options Group – all**

**25 May 2023 10.00-12.30**

**Venue; Trinity, 20 Church St, Maidstone, ME14 1LY**

**Agenda**

10.00 Matters Arising

10.15 TB in Kent - Fran Guyatt, Claire Winslade, Cheryl Weller

10.35 Creating a Kent Homeless Forum – Ellie Mullin (HW8)

10.45 Seeking a vice chair to begin December 2023

10.50 Questions from written commissioning updates circulated in advance

11.00 Comfort break

11.10 Protocols update (A4) (HW8)

* Domestic Abuse reciprocal – Lisa Clarke – written and circulated
* Young Persons (focus on Care Leavers) - Natalia Merritt/Robin Cahill
* Young Persons (focus on 16-17 year olds) - Toni Carter and Hazel South
* Temporary Accommodation Placing Protocol – Toni Carter
* Joint protocol with KMPT – Manpreet Bhupal
* Reviewing Housing Pathway for criminal justice service users – seeking volunteers

11.40 Temporary accommodation;

* Meeting with Paramount
* Joint procurement

11.55 Any Urgent National Policy, Case Law Updates

12.00 Reminder to nominate for [KHG Excellence Awards](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/kent-housing-group-excellence-award-2023/)

12.05 AOB

**Dates for 2023 meetings;** 19 Jul LA;7 Sept Full;22 Nov LA;

**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