**Housing, Health and Social Care Group**

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| **Date of update; 25/01/23** |
| Ref |  | General Contribution | Action this period |
| **Theme Health and wellbeing – none identified for this group** |
| HW1 | Support the work plan and objectives of the new Housing Health and Social Care sub group of KHG, including implementation of identified Kent Public Health priorities that are linked to housing and increasing the understanding within the health sector of the importance of quality housing to better outcomes |  |  |
| HW3 | Support and promote the ambition and objectives of the Kent and Medway NHS Sustainability and Transformation Partnership , ensuring the links between health and housing are well represented |  |  |
| HW4 | Share, enhance and promote the successful Hospital Discharge Schemes to enable all residents of Kent and Medway to benefit from this service |  |  |
| HW5 | Promote and support the objectives of the Kent Fuel Poverty Strategy and the Kent Environment Strategy |  | Sarah handed over coordination of reviewing the strategy to the new Strategy Domestic Retrofit Group |
| HW6 | Explore the opportunity and potential for Kent wide housing health and social care co-commissioning, reducing repetitive commissioning and ensuring more effective outcomes |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| **Theme 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 |  |  |
| **Theme Infrastructure First - possibly no actions for this sub group** |
| IF3 | Consider, respond and implement recommendations from Government reviews that promote a positive change in approach and outcome, e.g. Letwin Review |  |  |
| **Theme Accelerating Housing Delivery- possibly no actions for this sub group** |
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| **Theme Affordability - possibly no actions for this sub group** |
| A2 | Explore what housing tenure and type/products are appropriate to meet diverse housing need, and how support can be provided to successfully sustain a tenancy | On tenancy sustainment side? | Reviewing the Housing with Care for Older People document was raised. The group suggested working with Anya Harris, that there may be confusion between demand based on population projections and reality of the ground. No volunteers came forward for this task. |
| A6 | Support the County Council to determine and shape the market about future provision of accommodation care and support for social care client groups |  |  |
| A11 | Promote and work in partnership with the third and voluntary sector to support all communities across Kent an Medway, when the services should be required |  | The presentation on Home Straight, a service to help those who hoard created lively debate covering when a safeguarding referral should be made, and the increase in mental health issues and so hoarding.  |
| **Other important matters since last update including any cross sub-group working;** 1. Chair, Cathy McCarthy, has resigned following completion of her two-year tenue in this role. She has been replaced by Alison Simmons.
2. The group does not have a vice chair despite several adverts for volunteers.
3. HHSC Project Officer Sarah Tickner has resigned with her last day at KHG 16 December 2022. HM is covering what she can.
4. The HHSC Action Plan 2021-2023 is about to conclude (March 2023) and the one for 2023-25 will be discussed at the March 2023 meeting.
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