**Housing, Health & Social Care Group delivering the** [**Kent and Medway Housing Strategy 2023-2025**](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/protocols/kent-medway-housing-strategy-2020-2025-a-place-people-want-to-call-home/)

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| Ref | |  | General Contribution | Action 2023-2025 |
| **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 |  | We will work towards our action plan for 2023-2025. |
| HW3 | | Support and promote the ambition and objectives of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Partnership, ensuring the links between health and housing are well represented |  | We will have regard to Kent and Medway Interim [Integrated Care Partnership Strategy](https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/about-us/vision-and-priorities/kent-and-medway-integrated-care-strategy). |
| HW4 | | Share, enhance and promote the successful Hospital Discharge Schemes to enable all residents of Kent and Medway to benefit from this service |  | Promote existing hospital discharge schemes to partners to ensure they are aware of them |
| HW5 | | Promote and support the objectives of the Kent Fuel Poverty Strategy and the [Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kent.gov.uk%2Fabout-the-council%2Fstrategies-and-policies%2Fservice-specific-policies%2Fenvironment-and-waste-policies%2Fenvironmental-policies%2Fkent-and-medway-energy-and-low-emissions-strategy&data=05%7C01%7CSharon.Irvine%40ashford.gov.uk%7Cadbf2a4cd38c4e2d65f108db62aa7d73%7C66a338a5cfb74d1e9354d346e02c3a75%7C0%7C0%7C638212256602769450%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u0qbgyPG33KP%2Fzyum64gUuDnv9Meg%2BLRl4TB5Grz1fg%3D&reserved=0) |  | Sub-Group and agreed the following actions:   * Help to feed into the Kent Fuel Poverty Strategy * Understand how to refer clients to sources of help for insulation and finance |
| HW6 | | Explore the opportunity and potential for Kent wide housing health and social care co-commissioning, reducing repetitive commissioning and ensuring more effective outcomes |  | Review and update the Housing with care for older people document. |
| 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 |  | Work in collaboration with KHOG and the Health Security Agency to produce a protocol on supporting homeless people having TB treatment. |
| **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 |  | To flag relevant consultations to partners as soon as we become aware of them. Ensure consultations are discussed and encourage partners to submit their own response. |
| 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 |  | Understand and address financial inclusion:   * Know what is available and signpost to it   Addressing dampness and mould in homes:   * Understand the health implications * Understand actions landlords can take * Identify role for health professionals * Identify role for social care professionals   Support the Private Sector Housing and Asset management sub groups and CIEH technical working group on their work in this.  Encourage partners to use [ReferKent](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kent.gov.uk%2Fleisure-and-community%2Fcost-of-living-support%2Fprofessional-referrals%2Freferkent&data=05%7C01%7CSharon.Irvine%40ashford.gov.uk%7C3ef70b319ea04222315908db62abf32d%7C66a338a5cfb74d1e9354d346e02c3a75%7C0%7C0%7C638212262868738475%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9agNuU1swf90sVZzFdq6i4XGU4OU3Gu1ay2zP0LnU6U%3D&reserved=0) |
| **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 |  | We will circulate and discuss recommendations and reviews as they arise. |
| **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.  Volunteers came forward and the first meeting was held with KCC to discuss updating the data sets. |
| A6 | Support the County Council to determine and shape the market about future provision of accommodation care and support for social care client groups | |  | Work with KCC to understand the needs, then work with Kent Chief Planning Officers Group to help that information to get translated into policy. |
| A11 | Promote and work in partnership with the third and voluntary sector to support all communities across Kent and Medway, when the services should be required | |  | Support KCC to take a whole systems approach to healthy weight in the whole population.  Work with partners to support digital inclusion. |
| **Other important matters since last update including any cross sub-group working;** | | | | |