**Housing, Health and Social Care Group**

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| **Date of update: 20 March 2024** |
| 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 |  | Sub Group agreed to support the KCC lead on the whole system approach to health weight in whole population and the following actions:* Identify existing activity
* Replicate good practice
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| 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 |  | Cedi Frederick, Chair NHS Kent and Medway and Malti Varshney, Director of strategic change and population health, ICB attended the Sub Group to explain the role of Integrated Care Systems in reducing health inequalities. KHG has a unique platform for health and housing to engage, with the range and breadth of relationships within its membership, Local Authorities, Housing Associations, with Kent Housing and Development Group, private sector landlords. KHG will work with NHS Kent and Medway to jointly make a difference.  |
| 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 |  | Sub Group and agreed the following actions:* Help to update the Kent Fuel Poverty Strategy
* Understand how to refer clients to sources of help for insulation and finance
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| 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 client groups, children, young people, adults, and the ageing population |  | Provide a current protocol on supporting homeless people having TB treatment:* New document to be drafted
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| 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 |  | Request planning and unhealthy/fast food outlets to go on the agenda at the Planning Policy Forum of the Kent Chief Planning Officers Group |
| 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

Addressing dampness and mould in homes:* Understand the health implications
* Understand actions landlords can take to remedy
* 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 taking this action forward. |
| **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. Volunteers came forward and the first meeting was held with KCC to discuss updating the data sets.Work to be completed once the Project Officer has been recruited.The two recruitment rounds for the post have been unsuccessful. This is making it difficult to provide the capacity to take forward the review of the Housing with Care for Older People document and feeding into the Older People’s Housing Taskforce. |
| 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 and Medway, when the services should be required |  |  |
| **Other important matters since last update including any cross sub-group working;** 1. The group still has been unable to recruit a Vice Chair and has been unsuccessful in recruiting despite several adverts for volunteers.
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