

Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes

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What is an annual report?



We (Kent County Council) would like to tell you about how we have been changing things for the better from 2015.

2015 - 2020



We have set out how we would like things to be in 5 years time (2020).



This report tells you how we are doing.



We have also asked people how they think we are doing.



We are making good progress but there is more to do.

How are we doing?



This report looks at three important things:



We want to make life better for children and young people.

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We want people to be safe and independent.

Some things have got better but we need to do more.

We want to make life better for children and young people



Over 200,000 children and young people go to school in Kent.



We helped over 11,000 children and young people travel to school or college.



We supported nearly 9,000 families who needed our help.



We looked after over 2,000 children in care.



We helped 90,000 children under 5 years old to be healthy.

We want to make life better for children and young people



We have helped 2,500 families in trouble.



Most young people go to school or college.



More children now go to a good school.



More primary school children do better at reading, writing and maths.



We helped more families to get the help they needed earlier.

We want everyone to be healthy and enjoy life



We have helped 3,000 people lose weight.



We have helped 9,000 people stop smoking.



We fixed nearly 24,000 potholes to make our roads better.



There were over 5 million visits to libraries.



70 community wardens have helped keep our communities safe.



There were over 1 million visits to our country parks.

We want everyone to be healthy and enjoy life



More homes and businesses have faster internet services.



More adult learners are passing GCSE English and Maths exams.



People have volunteered over 40,000 hours in libraries and over 30,000 in the countryside.



We have brought in more money to fund sports, arts and culture in Kent.



We have more affordable homes.



Most people think their natural environment is good or excellent.

We want people to be safe and independent



Over 35,000 adults used our social care services.



Most of these were older people aged over 65.



We provided 70,000 pieces of equipment to help people live at home and be independent.



Over 5,000 people used a direct payment to choose their own care and support.



We helped 200 people with learning disabilities live with families in their community.



There were nearly 17 million free bus journeys for older and disabled people.

We want people to be safe and independent



More older people use social care services in their community.



Most people could live at home after support from enablement services. This is support which makes you feel safe and happy in your own home.



Most adults say social care services make them feel safe.



More people are attending Kent Sheds. These are groups which help people to enjoy activities with others in their community.



We helped over 1,000 people who could not visit a library by bringing books to their home.

Working better together



Our relationships with residents and partners are important. We want to work together to make life better for people in Kent.



Most people are happy with the way we run things.



Most people trust us.



Most social care users are happy with their care and support.



Most of our partners have seen good changes in the last year.



Most of our partners feel we will be successful by working together. .

Find out more



You can find out more about our report on our website:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/corporate-policies/increasing-opportunities-improving-outcomes>



You can also read stories about how life has got better for people in Kent.

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