

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



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Kent Support and Assistance Service

KCC has received a short term, one-off contribution from central government to support households experiencing financial hardship as a result of Covid-19. Using this grant, KCC can support those struggling to afford food and other essentials over the coming months due to the pandemic via our Kent Support and Assistance Service (KSAS).

We have all witnessed the impact Covid-19 has had on those nearest and dearest to us, as well as our peers, customers and communities that we work and connect with every day.

KSAS is here to help those facing hardship as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic perhaps due to being furloughed at work, losing hours of employment or pay, or even being made redundant. KSAS is aiming to support households experiencing these difficulties by providing short term support with items such food or energy vouchers, help with school clothing or household items. This opportunity won't be available indefinitely however, so if you or someone you know needs short term assistance to find your feet, you can find out more information here www.kent.gov.uk/ksas.

Know Before You Go

Getting away to foreign climes is a great tonic in these uncertain times, we all need a break and a holiday abroad is often our preferred choice. However due to the Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions/quarantine rules changing regularly it's best to keep up to date on whether you'll need to self-isolate on your return or if other restrictions have come into place.

Make sure you know before you go on the [Gov.uk website](http://Gov.uk).

Sudden Bereavement Service

Sudden is a free service for bereaved people protecting their emotional and physical wellbeing from day one, and for the first ten weeks, at a time of shock and loss in cases when someone has died suddenly or too soon.

Sudden is part-funded by the Department of Health and Social Care. It is a crisis

response to COVID-19 but is here for the long term. It is receiving very positive feedback from users, and is run by a professional sudden bereavement team, within an established charity (Brake, which operates the National Road Victim Service for road crash victims).

To find out more about the service and how to refer people you support to the service, please access the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Resources and Tools

Funded Development Opportunity for Registered Managers

We are pleased to announce that further dates for the fully funded Skills for Care 4 day Well Led program are now available. There are 4 courses around the county to choose from. This is a program recognised by CQC for supporting the Well Led KLOE and is open to Registered Managers. For more details and application form please see the attached flyer.

Free Webinar – The Future of Care in Kent

Recognising the considerable challenges faced by our sector over the past 6 months and over the past decade, this webinar will seek to start a meaningful conversation with providers across the county and commissioners.

National Care Association is working with KCC to open up a dialogue with the Council to look at the needs of the frail and vulnerable members of our communities and how we as commissioners and providers can deliver the services in a consistent way.

KCC's Head of Commissioning Clare Maynard is keen to start a dialogue to inform the strategic direction which will ensure a sustainable future for Social Care in Kent and will be a part of this webinar. The Webinar will be hosted by National Care Association's Executive Chairman Nadra Ahmed OBE and NCA Board member Eddie Coombes, a provider in Kent and the south east.

Date: Thursday 10th September

Time: 2:00pm

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

Sharing Your Excellence

We are always pleased to hear your good news stories, and to hear that the resources being put in place are useful and making a difference to you and your staff. If you've received or delivered any little acts of kindness or have any good news stories, [please let us know.](#)