

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 26 May 2023

Norovirus guidance reminder

Please note the government guidance for prevention of the spread of norovirus below. Please click the link and read and share with your colleagues. The information on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website was updated on 17 April 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stop-norovirus-spreading-this-winter-leaflet>

[Norovirus: how to stop it spreading](#)

Information about norovirus, how it's transmitted and how to prevent it spreading.

www.gov.uk

Think differently: new models of care and support

Kent Care Summit

Shaping a better future, together



We are hosting the second annual Kent Care Summit. This exciting in-person event will build on our first care summit conversation to enable delegates to explore and share how **co-production and innovative adult social care** can improve people's lives in our communities.

Who is this event for?

It's an opportunity for adults that draw on care and support, the care workforce, system leaders, commissioners, providers and community organisations in Kent to join up and work together.



9.30am - 4pm, 21 June 2023

The Hall by the Sea, 49-51 Marine Terrace

Dreamland, Margate

CT9 1XJ

Why have the event now?

It's been a challenging few years, with the impacts of COVID, workforce burnout and recruitment issues being felt. However, in Kent we have collective strength in our working relationships and our shared ambition to make a difference every day in adult social care.

This is an opportunity to come together in person, to hear about our [vision for adult social care](#), and to revisit the Kent Commissioning Intentions that were developed in partnership with delegates in attendance at last year's event.

To establish how far we have come and what more we need to do to enable people to live a good life, we will be:

- Focusing on how people's lived experiences can create change
- Sharing ways to innovate and develop different models of care and support
- Discussing how we can tackle key challenges
- Spotlighting the progress so far by drawing on real people's stories.

What's new for this year?

This year we will be holding an in-person summit in east Kent. There will be a variety of contributors sharing what is important to people with lived experience of adult social care and unpaid carers, interactive workshop sessions and a marketplace that aims to offer useful information and resources.

We are proud to be joined by people with lived experience of social care in Kent as well as the following contributors:

- **Clenton Farquharson MBE** – Commissioner, Chair of Think Local Act Personal, Disability Campaigner and Advisor to UK Government on Social Care Reform
- **Isaac Samuels** – National Co-production Advisory Group
- **Chris Jeffery** – Carers' Rights Campaigner
- **Cat Duncan-Rees** – Curators of Change

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[Follow this link to register your interest](#) now for the Kent Care Summit on 21 June 2023 (Arrivals from 9.30am for a 10.15am start).

- Free parking is provided
- Lunch and refreshments provided for delegates
- Please advise of any accessibility or dietary requirements
- British Sign Language Interpreters will be available on-site
- Travel options can be found on the [venue's website](#)
- If you have any difficulties completing the form, please contact makingadifference@kent.gov.uk for assistance with this
- Marketplace spaces are available to organisations – to reserve a stand, please email makingadifference@kent.gov.uk

Please note: Spaces are limited for this free-of-charge event so please **register your interest** via the [online form today](#)

Vaccination 'best defence' against measles

Kent and Medway public health leaders are urging parents and carers to make sure children are up to date with their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations.

The call comes as UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) figures show a national rise in measles cases and six recent confirmed cases in the South East.

Between 1 January and 20 April [UKHSA statistics revealed 49 confirmed cases of measles in England](#) compared to 54 cases for the whole of 2022. Most have been in London and some cases are linked to travel abroad.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has also warned of a world-wide resurgence of the highly infectious disease after immunisation rates fell globally, including in the UK, during the COVID-19 pandemic – unless those who missed out have catch-up jabs.

Kent County Council Director of Public Health, Dr Anjan Ghosh, said: “Measles spreads easily, can lead to serious illness and, on rare occasions, can be fatal. Vaccination is our best defense against measles, providing life-long protection, so it is very concerning to see immunisation rates drop and cases increase.

“Parents and carers should review their child’s Red Book health record in the first instance and if you are still not sure, or you need to bring your child up to date with vaccines, contact your GP practice to check and to book an appointment.

“Teenagers and adults should also make sure they are covered, particularly before travelling this summer, or heading to college or university in September. Vaccines are free on the NHS and, whatever your age, it’s never too late to catch up.”

Children are routinely offered the first dose of the MMR vaccine when they turn one and the second dose at three years and four months.

[Uptake for the first dose of MMR in two-year-olds in the South East is at 91.5% with uptake of two MMR doses at age five years around 88%.](#) While this is above the national average it is well below the 95% target set by the WHO to prevent measles outbreaks.

James Williams, Medway Council’s Director of Public Health, said: “Measles is a very unpleasant illness and could lead to serious complications.

to make sure they are up to date with their vaccinations.

“Being vaccinated is the best way to reduce your risk of becoming unwell and lessening the chance of infectious diseases spreading within our community. It’s never too late to get vaccinated.”

Anyone with [symptoms of measles](#), including a high fever and blotchy red-brown rash, should stay at home and phone their GP, or NHS 111, for advice before visiting the surgery or A&E to avoid infecting others.

To find out more about childhood vaccinations visit [the NHS website](#).

How can the National Careers Service help your organisation?

Supporting your staff with free, impartial and professional advice to help them develop their careers.

The National Careers Service provides free and impartial careers information, advice, and guidance to help employers support their workforce.

- Personalised 1:1 guidance and career development support
- Group guidance and training sessions
- Identify training needs
- Retraining and upskilling
- Access free training
- Recruitment and retention support
- Redundancy support

Delivered by qualified careers advisers, our service can be integrated into your existing HR function to support you in achieving your work, training and learning outcomes.

To discuss how the National Careers Service can support your organisation
Call 01233 224 244 or email nationalcareers@cxk.org

Want to have your say on social care? Join the Your voice network!



If you aren't already a member, are interested in hearing more about social care in Kent and would like us to keep you updated about opportunities to get involved, receive our newsletter or link you up with our lived experience groups.

Please **join our Your voice network** online or contact **makingadifference@kent.gov.uk** to speak to a member of the team.

We'd love to hear from you!

Our mailing address is:

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