

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 9 June 2023

First Heat-Health Alert for Kent

With a hot weather warning announced for the Southern half of the UK, including Kent, residents are being urged to check in on vulnerable families, friends and neighbours to make sure they keep well.



The first Heat-Health Alert - initially yellow but upgraded to amber for the South East - has been issued by [The UK Health Security Agency's \(UKHSA\) new Weather-Health Alerting System](#), from 9am Friday, 9 June, to 9am Monday, 12 June.

The guidance comes as forecasters say temperatures will rise sharply into and over the weekend - possibly peaking around 30°C in some parts of England.

Meteorologists also predict some night-time temperatures will remain well above average, and thunderstorms, during this period as a plume of warm air is drawn in from the south.

You can read what the different colour alerts mean [here](#).

Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy – have your say and help us create plans to improve health and care in Kent and Medway

NHS organisations, local councils, care organisations and the voluntary sector in Kent and Medway are working together to improve health and care.

An interim Integrated Care Strategy has been launched, which sets out what we want to achieve, but we need people's views to help us develop this into a clear plan. You can view the main strategy and information on this webpage: [Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy | Have Your Say In Kent and Medway](#) or click the links below to go straight to the areas that interest you most.

We need a wide spread of views on plans to focus on the following outcomes:

1. Help children get the best start in life and work to make sure they are not disadvantaged by where they live or their background and are free from fear or discrimination. [Find out more and have your say](#).
2. Help the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Kent and Medway to improve their physical and mental health; helping them to stop becoming ill in the first place where possible. [Find out more and have your say](#).
3. Help people to manage their own health and wellbeing and be proactive partners in their care, so they can live happy, independent and fulfilling lives; adding years to life and life to years. [Find out more and have your say](#).
4. Support people with multiple health conditions to be part of a team with health and care professionals working compassionately to improve their health and wellbeing. [Find out more and have your say](#).
5. Make sure that when people need hospital services, most are available from people's nearest hospital; whilst providing centres of excellence for specialist care where that improves quality, safety and sustainability. [Find out more and have your say](#).
6. How we can make Kent and Medway a great place for our colleagues to live, work and learn. [Find out more and have your say](#).

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](#) 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



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



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
- **Cat Duncan-Rees** – Curators of Change

When does it take place?

Date: 21 June 2023 (9.30am - 4pm)

Venue: The Hall by the Sea, Dreamland, 49-51, Marine Terrace, Margate CT9 1XJ

[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](#)

- 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**

How to claim the International recruitment fund from KiCA

Webinar – 27 June 2023, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

- Doing it yourself or using any other partner of your choice
- Using Borderless



Access your £1500: Join us for an interactive webinar on International recruitment and how providers in Kent can access the International Recruitment Fund. We will be joined by the founders of Borderless, who will explain how international hiring works and how to make the most out of the International Recruitment Fund.

To book your place, please email: louise.faulkner@kica.care

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 om 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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