

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 19 February 2021

Kent and Medway Suicide and Self-harm Prevention Strategy 2021-2025

This strategy, together with the children and young people's strategy, is the continuation of the work undertaken as a result of the 2015-2020 Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Strategy.

While local suicide rates have gone down slightly in recent years, even one death is one too many so there is still much to be done. Kent and Medway still has a higher rate of suicide than the national average.

These strategies combine evidence from suicide patterns in Kent and Medway with national research and policy direction. Please click the above image for further information or visit the [kent.gov website](http://kent.gov.uk).

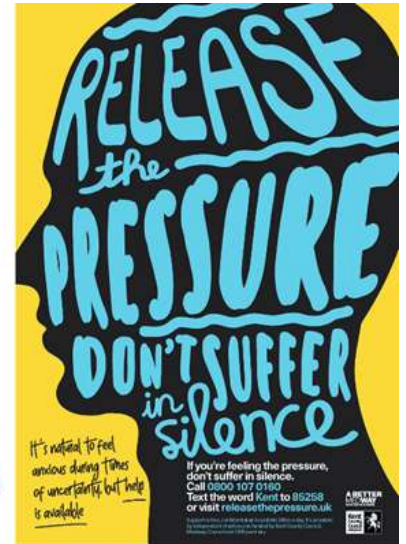
Public consultation

Kent and Medway Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention Strategy 2021-2025

Give your views

3 February to 18 March

kent.gov.uk/suicideprevention



Don't suffer in silence: text the word KENT to 85258, call 0800 107 0160 or visit the website: releasethethepressure.uk

Support for vaccination programme: people with learning disabilities

During December 2020 there was an increase in the number of people with learning disabilities dying from Covid-19. The CCG adapted its vaccination implementation plan in response to this clear health inequality, all adults with learning disabilities who are on the GP learning disability registers will be vaccinated in the first phase of the vaccination delivery.

Adapting the priority list to reflect evidenced local need will not disrupt other vaccination priorities but allows for the inclusion of an additional clinically vulnerable group, in line with the national contract and Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) guidance. Residents of care homes and supported living for people with learning disabilities are being vaccinated and those living independently or with family should be contacted by the primary care vaccination programme.



Please make sure all staff involved in identifying people to invite for vaccination or handling queries from patients about vaccinations are aware that patients on the Learning Disability Register should be being contacted and invited for vaccination as a current priority group.

Vaccination programme service support is available to PCNs seeking assistance in vaccinating some or all of their registered patients including adults with learning disabilities. The **Community Learning Disability Nursing Team** is offering a service to vaccinate adults with learning disabilities who are unable to access the PCN vaccine sites. If you have any queries about this **please speak to your PCN vaccination lead**.

Information about fogging machines

The use of fumigation and fogging devices with disinfection chemicals are not advised for routine cleaning and or disinfection against Covid-19 and should only be considered in healthcare settings when multi-drug resistant organisms cannot be eradicated.



This must always be under specialist infection prevention and control advice.

Revised guidance for testing in care settings

The guidance around testing in care homes has been updated (16/02/2021) specifically in relation to:

- Outbreak testing guidance (section starting page 39)
- 90 day testing window guidance (page 9)

The guidance states: 'From now on, if someone tests positive with a PCR test, they should not be tested using PCR or LFD for 90 days, unless they develop new symptoms during this time, in which case they should be retested immediately using PCR. This 90 day period is from the initial onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic when tested, their positive test result.'

See more information on the Gov.uk website:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/961926/care-home-testing-guidance-england-v1602.pdf



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Provider FAQ's – Changes announce



Care home testing update email - Chan

Emergency claim fund:

Over recent months we have distributed the Infection Control Fund Round 2 funds across Kent. As the last few payments are being paid we are now in a position to offer an additional allocation of fund known as the "Emergency Claim fund" to Care Homes and Community Care services across Kent.



ICF-Emergency Claim Fund letter .d



ICF Emergency Claim Fund Criteria (



Emergency Fund Claim Request Form

To make a claim, please refer to the letter and criteria above and if you meet these please complete the claim form and send it to the infectioncontrolfund@kent.gov.uk mailbox.

New BBC resources on vaccine scams

The BBC Asian Network has created useful content on vaccine scams and made it available on social media; containing videos in [Urdu](#), [Sylheti](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tamil](#) and [Gujarati](#) for Twitter, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



You can also find these on the [BBC news website](#).

KiCA: Free membership for all CQC registered Adult Social Care providers in Kent

Following recent funding received from Kent County Council, KiCA are able to offer free membership to ALL CQC registered Adult Social Care providers in Kent.



We represent all areas of the sector, residential homecare, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health. KiCA are your voice for care in Kent.

Do not miss this opportunity to join your local Care Association. For further information, please visit: www.kica.care or contact: louise.faulkner@kica.care

We look forward to continuing to support you and your organisation through these difficult and challenging times.

Weekly Coffee Chat for providers

Join us for our weekly provider Coffee Chat on Thursday 25th February at 11.00am - 11.30am, where we will be discussing care home visits and the latest announcement from the Prime Minister. The Coffee Chat is very informal and your chance to talk to your fellow providers. Please contact louise.faulkner@kica.care to book your place.

Kent County Council Engagement Workshops - Shaping the Adult Social Care Strategy

We want to work more closely with the public, people we support and our partners to develop Kent County Council's upcoming Adult Social Care Strategy.

If you're interested in the **future of social care** or have had a recent experience of accessing support in Kent, please get involved to share your views at our **early engagement** sessions.

We'd like to hear from people from all backgrounds in Kent aged 18 and over. Workshops are also open to members of voluntary organisations and community groups.

Join one of our online Zoom workshops in February and March*

- 10.30am – 12.00 Friday 26 Feb
- 10.30am – 12.00 Friday 5 March
- 10.30am – 12.00 Wednesday 10 March
- 10.30am – 12.00 Friday 19 March
- 10.30am – 12.00 Wednesday 31 March



(*Dates and times may change subject to demand)

Continuing the conversation

We want to make sure that as many different communities as possible in Kent have the chance to get involved. If you run a local voluntary group or charity, let us know if you would like us to attend one of your virtual meetings.



Register your interest at makingadifference@kent.gov.uk with your name, area of interest within social care, organisation (if applicable) and the **date of the workshop** you'd like to attend.



For information call the Stakeholder Engagement team on **03000 418 179**