

# Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



**Friday 30 April 2021**

## Funding for COVID-19 response and recovery

Many of you will have been liaising with the Infection Control Fund Administration Team at KCC. Many thanks to all those that have correctly completed their monthly report for spend to end of March 2021. If there are any outstanding queries on your submission, then the Infection Control Team will be in touch and urge you to please reply as soon as possible. They are currently working through the next round of funding called the Infection Control and Testing Fund and need answers to their queries before they are able to issue funding to you. Please keep an eye on your inbox.

If you have not been able to submit your monthly report for spending to the end of March 2021, the reporting link will be reopening next week and a request will be sent out to those that need to complete it.

## Landmark Domestic Abuse Bill receives royal assent

The Domestic Abuse (DA) Bill has passed both Houses of Parliament and has been signed into law this week. The Domestic Abuse Act gives new protections to millions of people who experience abuse by ensuring a range of measure including:

- wide ranging legal definition which includes emotional, coercive or controlling behaviour and economic abuse
- better access to special measures in court rooms
- placing the guidance on “Sarah’s law” on a statutory footing
- recognising children who witness or experience domestic abuse as victims
- placing a legal duty on local authorities in England to provide support to victims of abuse and their children in safe accommodation.

The domestic abuse agenda is an important one for Kent County Council and the new statutory duties coming through the act are welcomed. For many years, the council has worked extensively with partner agencies to strengthen their collective response and in March 2020 the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy was published. Work to meet this strategy is overseen by the cross-partnership Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group which includes Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue and KCC. In line with the Domestic Abuse Act, the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory will be leading on a needs assessment to inform a review of our strategy and influence future commissioning decisions.

KCC commissioners worked with partners to commission the Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse service which provides support for survivors across both community based and accommodation based support across Kent. The service includes Referral Assessment and Triage, Core Community Support and Training, and Education and Awareness. Together they’re exploring how support can be strengthened and extended using the statutory guidance and new burden funding linked to the Domestic Abuse Act.

Domestic Abuse reaches across our communities irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity sexuality and socio-economic background, and has lifelong consequences. In England and Wales, domestic abuse has been estimated to cost government and services around £66billion annually. This includes a cost to employers of upwards of £14million per year in lost productivity and output, not to mention the impact of non-physical forms of domestic abuse or the physical injuries a survivor may have. The workplace can be a place of safety for those experiencing abuse and it's key that businesses deliver a domestic abuse response to their employees. Employers who are seeking advice can call 07770 480437 or 0203 8793695, or email [advice@hestia.org](mailto:advice@hestia.org).

To access specialist domestic abuse support through KIDAS, please call Victim Support on 0808 168 9111 or visit <https://www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk/>

## **RESTORE 2 training**

There are now additional sessions of RESTORE 2 training available for care homes.

Please find the link below for the Eventbrite page, which details additional training dates for the RESTORE 2 training sessions. To book onto a session please click on the link below:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/restore2-training-sessions-for-kss-care-homes-tickets-152691280731](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/restore2-training-sessions-for-kss-care-homes-tickets-152691280731)

Click on the 'view event details' link which will then take you to another screen. Then click on the 'select a date' red button and choose a date and time that suits your home.

## **HAPPI Hour – housing mental health and wellness**

Join this free session on 13 May 2021 which looks at mental health, supported housing and wellbeing. The session features speakers including Jolie Goodman from the Mental Health Foundation talking about their work with sheltered housing residents, Angelina Morgan from Look Ahead Care and Support on their recently published research (The financial case for integrated mental health services and supported housing pathways). You can also explore the 'designing for mental wellbeing' insights of architect Ben Channon, author of 'Happy by Design: A Guide to Architecture and Mental Wellbeing'.

Interested? Register here: <https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/HAPPI-Hour-Housing-mental-health-and-wellness/>

## **ADASS Digital Innovation Challenge: using digital technology to achieve better outcomes**

KCC have been given the opportunity to take part in the ADASS Digital Innovation Challenge this year, to look at how we can be creative in our use of digital technology in order to achieve better outcomes for individuals, families, carers and the workforce.

We are hosting two events from **10am-11.50am on 4 and 5 May** to listen to your ideas and bring together the views of partners, staff and people we support to look at how we develop and promote innovative and digital projects that can make a positive

impact in the sector. We would like it if you could attend **one** of these sessions to come up with some ideas together that we can build on.

The three questions that we will go through and discuss are:

- How can frontline staff collaborate with each other remotely within the broader adult social care ecosystem?
- How can technology be used to better engage with people, and to further understand how they are living within their communities?
- How can data be used to identify and anticipate people's needs so as to deliver care preventatively and proactively?

### **Booking:**

Please email [Laura.baldwin@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.baldwin@kent.gov.uk) to book your place and you can use the relevant link below to join the meeting for whichever date you choose.

Tuesday 4 May 10am-11,50am

**Join on your computer or mobile app** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 5 May 10am-11.50am

**Join on your computer or mobile app** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

We look forward to you joining us.

## **Dying Matters awareness week**

Dying Matters Awareness Week (10 May to 16 May) is a chance for everyone to come together and open up the conversation around death, dying and bereavement. By talking about the issues we face, it may help us prepare for the future.



There are two events in Kent and Medway for all partners in health and social care to get involved with.

They will help us understand from the person's perspective about end of life care and the conversations that take place between medical staff and the people they care for.

More [details are in this flyer](#).

## **Data security and protection toolkit - free local support for social care providers**

### **Message from Kent County Council and Kent Integrated Care Alliance:**

Kent County Council (KCC) in partnership with Kent Integrated Care Alliance (KiCA) has been awarded funding by the National Better Security, Better Care programme. The funding is to support social care providers in Kent and Medway to complete the nationally recognised Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT).



Completing the toolkit will enable you to:

- gain access and retain use of digital tools such as, NHSmail and System One

- evidence and demonstrate good practice by meeting data and security standards
- demonstrate compliance with data protection legislation and CQC's expectations on confidentiality and security
- help you to reassure the people you support, their families and your staff that they can trust you with their data
- evaluate and improve your data and cyber security, reducing the risk of cyber-crime and data breaches

We know that you are under enormous pressure as you continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We don't want to add any extra burden, so we are offering this free support to ensure that the information you store and share with health colleagues is secure.

As a first step to find out more information about the toolkit and the support that we can offer, please join us for a short introductory webinar on one of the following dates:

[Tuesday 4 May 11 – 11.30am](#)

[Wednesday 5 May 9.30 – 10am](#)

[Tuesday 11 May 1 – 1.30pm](#)

[Wednesday 12 May 10 – 10.30am](#)

[Tuesday 18 May 2 – 2.30pm](#)

[Tuesday 25 May 9.30 – 10am](#)

If you would like to attend one of the introductory webinars, please click on the link for the date you would like to attend and you'll be taken to the Eventbrite page to register.

We will then send you a reminder email the day before the event with a link to join the webinar.

We look forward to meeting you at the webinar and supporting you on your digital journey.

## **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 until July 2021.



They 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](http://www.kica.care) or contact: [louise.faulkner@kica.care](mailto:louise.faulkner@kica.care)

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