

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for Kent County Council – Quarter 1: April to June 2015

<p>What's going on in our world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KCC has a new commissioning framework, which is driving KCC's new strategic statement and supporting outcomes (replacing Bold Steps for Kent) to show how the strategic aims align to the organisation's aims.• Care Act One of KCC biggest challenges for 2015/16 is the implementation of part two of the Care Act. There is a lot of preparation being done in readiness for part two of the Care Act. KCC have already implemented part one of the Care Act, but recognising that it is still important to keep embedding the Act into practice every day. Some of the key changes in part two are around the cap on care costs and the increase to capital threshold.• Think local, act personal! The 'Making it Real' initiative sets out what people use services for and what carers expect to see and experience if support services are truly personalised. Over the next six months, there will be a series of events within some of the Clinical Commissioning Groups, to identify local priority areas that should be taken forward to develop better and more personalised community based care and support. Colleagues, service users and carers will be invited to participate in these events. One example of how we're already successfully working with partners is the new British Sign Language interpreting card, which helps health services support deaf patients at their appointments.• Shared lives Over the past few months KCC Shared lives service has been reviewing the current service to identify opportunities for individuals with a learning disability, to move from a residential setting, into a Shared Lives home. Shared Lives offers a person centred and bespoke service, in a family type setting from the Shared Lives host's own home and is an alternative to other residential type services. The service offers long term, transition, short breaks and day support to a wide range of people with Learning and Physical Disabilities, Mental Health issues, people on the Autistic Spectrum, Older People and people living with dementia. Shared Lives Hosts are recruited, vetted, trained, monitored and supported by the KCC Shared Lives team.
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Success stories since last AHWB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent advocacy • KCC have commissioned services for carer's assessments and advocacy, together with greater access to advice and information for customers through Kent.gov.uk.
What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with CCG to develop Community Networks • Our Place (Wye and Hixhill, supporting a community to be self-sufficient) • Integrated Care Pilot in Tenterden
Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	KCC Transformation programme continues
Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	No
Any thing else the Board needs to know	No
Signed & dated	Paula Parker 03/07/15