

# Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

## Partner Quarterly Update Template

Update from	KCC
Quarter concerned	October to December 2015
What's going on in our world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing the successful work at the William Harvey Hospital and in the community with KCC hospital team and KCC enablement has meant that this model can now be rolled out elsewhere in the county.</li> <li>• Developing the whole Systems work Discharge to Assess model</li> <li>• The Delivering Differently in Neighbourhood project in Wye, now have officers in place to take forward.</li> <li>• The Age UK integrated care pilot goes live in Q3 2015 and a project officer has now been appointed to support this work.</li> <li>• Voting for 2015 Dementia Friendly Community Awards closed on 30 August and winners will be announced shortly in each of the following categories:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kent's Best Organisational Initiative</li> <li>2. Kent's Best Partnership Project</li> <li>3. Kent's Best Local Community Involvement Initiative</li> <li>4. Kent's Best Intergenerational Initiative</li> <li>5. Kent's 'Dementia' Volunteer Award</li> <li>6. Kent's most influential/inspiring person living with dementia</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Success stories since last AHWB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of work carried out a William Harvey Hospital with KCC hospital teams and in the community with KCC enablement teams mean the model can be rolled out to the whole county.</li> <li>• The Local Government Association carried out a whole systems diagnostic at William Harvey Hospital July 2015</li> </ul>
What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Supported Living and Housing providers to strategically plan the delivery of KCC's My Life, My Home initiative over the next 2 to 3 years. KCC data predicts a growth in Supported Living across the Ashford &amp; Shepway locality of around 40% over current levels by 2020.</li> <li>• Independent Advocacy tender of statutory and non-statutory services</li> </ul>
Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	KCC Transformation programme continues

Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	Potential impact of the National Minimum Wage / Living Wage, Andrew Ireland's letter to provider is provided below.
Any thing else the Board needs to know	No
Signed & dated	Paula Parker 30/09/15



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Dear Provider

**Re: National Living Wage**

Following the announcement of the introduction of a National Living Wage (NLW) from April 2016 I wanted to take this opportunity to clearly state the County Council's position and approach to this, alongside our obligations regarding the cost of care.

You will be aware that an initial financial assessment was presented to our Directorate Management Team (DMT). This was based on information provided by a cross section of the sector and using assumptions in order to isolate all other price pressures reported. This ensured that only the impact of the NLW was shown. DMT requested further work in order to fully understand whether the assumptions and calculations were correct.

KCC is operating in an environment of significant financial challenge and needs to single out the issues presented. Therefore the authority is isolating the different financial pressures and has already made representation to the Government ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review the impact of the recent announcement of the NLW. You should know that, through ADASS, I am also continuing to work with other Directors to make sure that this critical issue remains high on the political agenda.

This does, in no way, diminish the Council's responsibilities to have regard to the cost of care and the Council will continue to work with providers in making sure that this is achieved. There are different factors for the different sectors. For home care, we acknowledge that there is a need to review the fees for contracted providers in light of the increases to the National Minimum Wage in 2015. For older persons care homes, there is a need to establish a clear approach to pricing for the new contract.

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It is important to separate and understand the key issues that have or will impact on provider's finances in 2015/16 and 2016/17 and to satisfy KCC Members that any fee review is reasonable and specific to the different price pressures and other key, specific statute/case law which will impact on the whole sector.

Whilst we acknowledge our responsibilities under the Care Act to ensure market sustainability and taking into account the costs of our providers. In addition, there are of course employer responsibilities and our expectations are laid out in the specification and terms and conditions of our contracts.

There are a number of opportunities to feed in to the processes. Commissioning staff have been collecting feedback from providers and other national research and have been working with finance, policy and procurement colleagues to understand this. Mark Lobban, Director of Commissioning, has been attending meetings with the Trade Associations.

I am sure we would all agree that time is of the essence in ensuring ongoing market sustainability and that the next steps are to proactively coordinate the Kent Social Care position of the impact of the NLW for the Comprehensive Spending Review and to work on the different elements of impact of the NMW separately.

Yours sincerely

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