



What community based services offer



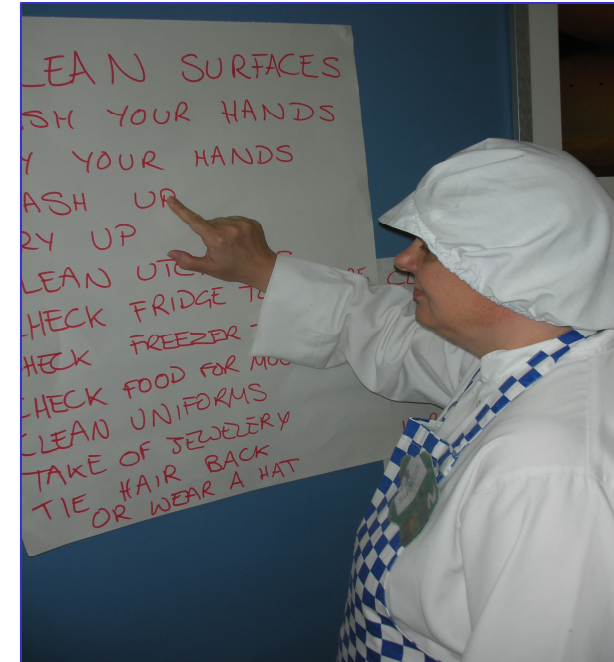
Training

Individuals are accessing a range of courses at Mid Kent College from Dance & Drama and IT, to “Cook and Eat”.

Discussions with the College catering department are underway, to ensure that the work based training at both The Check In and Trinity Café (Nolan’s Table) will meet NVQ requirements.

Person Centred Planning and vocational profiling identified that some individuals wanted to undertake First Aid training.

In May, The Red Cross facilitated three sessions, covering emergency 999 calls and how to apply bandages, as well as resuscitation and burns.



Travel Training

Travel training and the use of public transport is enabling more choice and greater independence



Increased flexibility

Maidstone Day Services are beginning to timetable Thursday evening support so that their service users are able to access the local District Partnership Group and the TOPAZ Community Network.



Increased Flexibility

Maidstone Day Service is opening up more opportunities by looking at activities and events outside of Monday to Friday daytime hours.

On Saturday 8th May, service users (sharing an interest in farm machinery) were supported to attend the Spadework Open Day, where a range of vintage tractors were on display.



Increased flexibility

Staff and service users took part in a recent Kent Messenger Quiz night joining other local teams to raise money for the young people living at Trinity Foyer



New Opportunities

Individuals from both Meadowview and Trinity joined forces to undertake the Healthy Living Programme.

The course included health walks, penalty shoot outs, and healthy eating talks from a district nurse.



New Opportunities.....



Greater Community Inclusion

People with learning disabilities are contributing to the local community by volunteering.

Currently, individuals are volunteering in a variety of ways; from animal sanctuaries to fund raising, with two service users becoming volunteers for Marie Curie and helping the charity with its activities.



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Service users continue to be able to undertake pottery and ceramics painting by accessing Adult Education Pottery and a local Ceramics Cafe



The Check In Café is going from strength to strength, with service users valuing the opportunity to meet more people and gain customer service skills

Opportunities to get together are important and groups have started practicing ready for this years annual Cricket Day.

This year the event will continue to be organised by carers but this time with an extended invite to all the new community partners.



Maidstone Day Service

