

Appendix 3 Emerging themes and options considered following consultation

Consultation themes

In summary these themes are:

- **Focus on people with lower levels of support to prevent them moving quickly into medium and higher levels of support.** Consultation responses raised concerns that *“low level support is vital to prevent people going onto mid or higher-level support”* And that there is a risk that individuals requiring lower levels of support could transition to needing medium to higher levels of support more rapidly than anticipated.
- **Community Navigation to remain as this provides crucial support.** The consultation raised concerns about how Community Navigation provides *“crucial support, the backbone, without this a lot of vulnerable people will be without support, including signposting, advice, guidance”*.
- **To consider a more joined up system approach, working in collaboration to provide prevention services.** The consultation raised concerns about proposals being short sighted and will impact services further down the line, put a strain on other (already stretched) services / NHS and will cost more in the longer term.
- There were also concerns raised that some of the mitigations were **digital** *“older people and some of those with disabilities unable to / won’t use online, will not be signposted, and will get missed out”*.
- The consultation raised concerns for *“those who are **unable to travel or due to lack of public transport would not be able to attend classes, groups**”* which could make accessing alternative activities more challenging for people and therefore increase the negative impact of the proposal.

Options considered following consultation

Alternative option considered	Why the option has not been taken forward to consultation
Focus on people with lower levels of support to prevent them moving quickly into medium and higher levels of support.	In developing the proposals, it was felt that the support to people assessed as lower level was where there was the most duplication and alternatives available to retain people at the lower level. Based on the current numbers of people assessed as lower level, if this was to become the service focus and stop funding the support for people assessed as needing medium to higher levels of support it would mean the total wellbeing saving would be £1,623,000 which is £619,000 less than the current position.

	The proposal that we consulted on focused on people needing medium to higher levels of support in order to promote independence, supporting individuals to carry on with their lives as independently as possible and helping people do as much as they can for themselves. Therefore, without this support people assessed as needing medium to higher levels of support will quickly require support from social care. This would increase the costs of care and support and the overall net savings would be reduced. This option has not been taken forward as this will not achieve the strategic objectives of: • removing elements of duplication within the prevention approach. • ensuring prevention services are more efficient, targeted and making best use of limited resources. • focusing on the areas of greatest need. • contributing towards KCC's savings.
Community Navigation to remain as this provides crucial support.	When developing the proposals, Community Navigation was the area where there was duplication for people needing lower levels of support and alternative services available. Providers within scope stated that Community Navigation does provide crucial support and therefore the proposal that went out for consultation included Community Navigation within the redesigned Wellbeing Service, but with a focus on people assessed as needing medium to higher levels of support. This option has not been taken forward as this will not achieve the strategic objectives of: • removing elements of duplication within the prevention approach. • ensuring prevention services are more efficient, targeted and making best use of limited resources. • focusing on the areas of greatest need.
To consider a more joined up system approach, working in collaboration to provide prevention services.	During the consultation there were suggestions on seeking opportunities to collaborate with partners to create a more joined up approach to prevention.

	There is a continued focus on prevention work for our communities set out in the draft Prevention Framework. However, this option is not alternative to the proposal that has been consulted as it will take time to develop and implement and not achieve the strategic objectives of: • removing elements of duplication within the prevention approach. • ensuring prevention services are more efficient, targeted and making best use of limited resources. • focusing on the areas of greatest need. • contributing towards KCC's savings.
To work more collaboratively with volunteers, charities and churches	This is an area we continue to develop and strengthen as a mitigation. Churches, charities and volunteers have good relationships with communities and can help connect people with information, advice and guidance provide groups and activities. However, this option alone will not achieve the strategic objectives.
Charging and means testing	Some of the groups and activities provided by the Wellbeing Services already have a small charge. Adult social care is also means tested. This option will not achieve the strategic objectives of reducing duplication and targeted approach.
Asking central government for funding	There is ongoing dialogue with central government. This option will not achieve the strategic objectives of reducing duplication and targeted approach.