

**KCC Canterbury and District Community Engagement Forum warmly invites you to participate.**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 St Peters Methodist Hall, Greenhill, Herne Bay.**

**6.30pm Refreshments for 7pm start**

**'The case for change – Why England needs a new care and support system'**

England is going through a transient period with people living longer than ever before and younger disabled people living independently. Society's attitudes have also changed by demanding more choice and control over their lives which will include health and social care decisions.

The government is inviting people to tell them what they think about care and support and how this could be planned and paid for in the future. As part of a national debate, the government is inviting comments from everyone, regardless of whether they currently provide or receive care and support.

It should be noted that this is not a Kent County Council (KCC) exercise; however KCC recognises the importance of making maximum impact and gathering as many views as possible both from the public and organisations.

**Government suggestions for questions to form the framework of the consultation:**

1. How do we ensure the new care and support system gives people the real independence, choice and control they need?
2. How should the responsibility for care and support be shared out between people who need care and support, their families and the government?

Should people pay for care and support if they can?

What should families provide?

How can costs be shared between people who need care and support, families, everyone else?

3. Should the care and support system be the same for everyone?

Should we have different systems depending on the type of care each person needs?

Should local people decide how much help people get in their area or would they like to see this done on a national basis?

How can we help people who do not have enough money, but also help people who plan ahead and save?

**Come and shape KCC's response to Government**

**"Every adult in the country will be affected by a new system. We want the people who will be affected by change to be the same people who are informing change"**