

Consultation on:

'Your Life, your well-being - a vision and strategy for adult social care 2016 - 2021'

Questions

Introduction:

From 19 September to 31 October 2016, Kent County Council (KCC) is consulting on a new strategy for adult social care. The strategy explains KCC's vision for how we want adult social care to be over the next five years.

Demand for adult social care is increasing and finances are under pressure. Expectations of adult social care are changing; people want a life, not a service. Adult social care in Kent needs to continue to respond to these challenges, and the new strategy sets out how we will do this. The strategy will be delivered through the next phase in the adult social care transformation programme.

You can provide your response to the consultation by completing the questions below. If you need the questions in an alternative format, please email adultsstrategy@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 41 41.

1. Information about you

Please select one option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation.

Are you a:

- a) Service User (of Social Care services)
- b) Carer
- c) Family member of a service user
- d) A Social Care or Health professional
- e) Responding on behalf of an organisation (please state the name of the organisation) _____)
- f) other (please state) _____

2. Please tell us whether the strategy document was easy or difficult to understand

Please select one option from the following:

- The whole document was easy to understand
- Some of the document was easy to understand
- Only a little of the document was easy to understand
- The document was not at all easy to understand
- Don't know /not sure

Please tell us what, if anything, you don't understand in the strategy document:

3. Values and principles

We describe the 'values and principles' which guide our way of working and we would like to know the extent to which you agree or disagree with them.

Do you agree with our values and principles, as explained on page 13 of the strategy?

Please tick the relevant boxes below (to show the extent to which you agree for each of the values and principles)

Values and principles	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	Don't know
Person-centered care and support						
Supporting people to be safe						
Promoting independence						
Prevention						
Quality of Care						
Integration						
Answering for what we do						
Best use of resources						

Please tell us what, if anything, you don't agree with in the values and principles:

4. Three themes for care and support

The strategy breaks our approach to adult social care into three themes that cover the whole range of services provided for people with social care and support needs. These are:

- promoting well-being (pages 14 to 16)
- promoting independence (pages 17 to 19)
- supporting independence (pages 20 to 23)

In general, do you agree with the proposed approach to care and support that we have set out in the three themes?

Please tick the relevant boxes below (to show the extent to which you agree for each of the themes)

Values and principles	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	Don't know
Promoting well-being						
Promoting independence						
Supporting independence						

Please tell us what, if anything, you don't agree with in the three themes:

5. General comments

If you have any other comments on the draft strategy, please provide them here:

6. Equality Impact Assessment

We have completed an initial Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) on the strategy. An EqIA is a tool to assess the impact any service change, policy or strategies would have on age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief,

sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership and carers' responsibilities. **We welcome your views.**

The EqIA is available online at [<insert short URL>](#) or on request.

Please write any comments here:

About You... We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we are asking you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We'll use it only to help us make decisions, and improve our services.

If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

Q1. Are you...? Male Female I prefer not to say

Q2. Is your Gender the same as your birth?
 Yes No I prefer not to say

Q3. How old are you? (Age bands) **Q4. What is your postcode?**

Q5. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? (Source: 2011 census)

White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Scottish	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> African
<input type="checkbox"/> Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> Arab	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy/Roma			
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other*			

***Other Ethnic Group** - if your ethnic group is not specified in the list, please describe it here:

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example), are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q6. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Yes No I prefer not to say

Q7. If you answered Yes to Q6, please tell us which type of impairment applies to you.

You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all the impairments that apply to you. If none of these applies to you, please select Other, and write in the type of impairment you have.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both) | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, heart disease, diabetes or | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to say |

Q7. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief?

- Yes No I prefer not to say

Q8. If you answered Yes to Q7, which of the following applies to you?

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other religion, please specify: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh | <input type="text"/> |

Q9. Are you...?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual/Straight | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay woman/Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bi/Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay man | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to say |

Following closure of the consultation on **Monday 31st October**, Kent County Council will take the responses into consideration before amending the strategy if necessary. The final strategy will be published in December 2016.

You can respond to this consultation online by visiting **<insert short URL>** to complete the online form.

Alternatively, you can post your completed questionnaire to:

<insert address>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.