

New Care Home Contract 2019 for Adults with a learning Disability, Adults with a Physical Disability and Adults with Mental Health Needs.

Work begins on a new contract- we need your input to make sure it is a success

KCC Strategic Commissioning have recently begun working on developing a new contract for care homes for Adults with a learning Disability, Adults with a Physical Disability and Adults with Mental Health Needs. It is planned to have a new contract in place by April 2019. This contract will include provision for short term and long term (permanent) placements.

Care home providers have been notified that they will need to tender for this new contract during 2018.

We have learned a lot from the current contract and already have a lot of ideas from various stakeholders involved on ways to improve the new contract. We would also like to engage and receive input from users of these care home services, their Carers and the relevant forums in helping us shape the new service specification.

The new service will be designed to support outcomes that matter to people and listed below is some areas that will be included in the specification. We would like to hear from users of these services, their carers and the relevant forums, if you think these are important and any other considerations that need to be included in the specification.

- People are respected, and support is delivered with dignity and compassion
- People are supported to move to alternative accommodation and lead a more independent life, where they wish to.
- People have more choice and control in their life
- Learn new skills and build on existing skills
- Develop and maintain friendships
- People have control and choice about their accommodation
- People receive support that allows them to be as independent as they wish to be
- People have support to manage their complex and sometimes multiple health issues
- Improved participation and inclusion in the local community
- Any other requirements?

Please send feedback and any other relevant information to accommodationsolutions@kent.gov.uk

Thank you for your time, we will make sure that drafts of the specification are shared over the coming months.