



Kent Valuing People Partnership



**Ashford District Partnership  
Group District Plan  
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Supporting Valuing People Now to happen in  
Kent



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## Introduction

East Kent Mencap manages the District Partnership Group in

Ashford  
Canterbury  
Dover  
Shepway  
Swale



It is part of the Kent Valuing People Partnership, a group of organisations who support Kent County Council to make Valuing People happen.

Each District Partnership has a District Valuing People Worker who works with people to make the District Annual Plan happen in Ashford. The Valuing People District Worker for Shirley Maker

District Partnership Groups look at the 6 main things within Valuing People Now:

- Health
- Employment (jobs and getting ready for work)
- Where people live / housing
- Being in control of your life (Personalisation)
- Citizenship
- Young people becoming adults (Transition)





## Topic: Health (Kent wide target)

To Survey Members of the DPGs to identify topics for the Group's workstream



### What we aim to do

Gather information from DPG members across Kent to determine what information the Good Health Group should focus on this year.



## Topic: Health (local target)

Raise awareness of Diabetes and how to reduce the risk of developing diabetes.

### What we aim to do



Hold an information session at the DPG meeting to provide information in an accessible format on diabetes.



## Topic: Health (local target)

### Act as a Healthwatch Champion

#### What we aim to do

Gather feedback from DPG members on health and social care issues and report them to Healthwatch as necessary.

Issues have been raised regarding High Street dental services and lack of accessible information and learning disability awareness.

We will gather information on people's experiences to share with Healthwatch for their consideration and action.

**healthwatch**





## Topic : Employment (Kent wide target)

Ensure people know how Job Centre Plus can help them and the support they offer

### What we aim to do



Continuing the partnership working with Job Centre Plus in 2015-16, work with Job Centre Plus to hold an employment workshop in Ashford.

The workshop will be facilitated by Job Centre Plus and cover:



- How the Job Centre can support people to find work
- Work Experience Programme
- Myths and rumours about benefits and working



Work with Job Centre Plus to ensure easy read resources are available in each Job Centre across Kent ie Work Experience “Guide to Me” and communication cards.



## Topic: Keeping Safe (Kent wide target)

### Support the Roll-out of the Shop-Safe Scheme across Kent.

#### What we aim to do

KVPP will continue to seek to identify a central point of contact to hold information in Kent.



Once a central information point has been agreed, DPGs will work with Local Councils, Town Centre Management, Community Safety Units, Kent Police to

- explain how the Shop Safe Scheme works and the benefits.
- Encourage premises to sign up to be part of the scheme
- Distribute window stickers to premises who sign up to the scheme.



Promote the scheme to people with learning disabilities.





## Topic: Keeping Safe

### Anti Bullying Workshop

#### What we aim to do

Work with North Kent Independent Advocacy Scheme who will hold a series of anti bullying workshops in Ashford.



The workshops will cover:

- Internet Safety
- Personal Safety
- What is abuse
- What is hate crime
- What to do if you think you or someone you know is a victim of abuse or hate crime





## Topic: Citizenship (Kent wide target)

### Establish Local Action Groups across Kent

#### What we aim to do

Set up a network of Local Action Groups across Kent to campaign on issues that affect people with learning disabilities.

Support people with learning disabilities to understand how to campaign including:

- What is a campaign
- Planning a campaign
- Who do we need to contact
- Things to avoid doing
- What makes a campaign successful



Choose a campaign to work on.

Work with Anton French Film to explore issues that affect the lives of people with learning disabilities, whether people are included in their communities and show the positive impact that people with learning disabilities can make.





## Topic: Citizenship (local target)

### Speaking Up Groups

#### What we aim to do

Continue to provide weekly Speaking Up Group for people with learning disabilities.

Share information with people who may not currently attend DPG meetings.

Feedback issues raised by people at the Speaking Up Group with the DPG Planning Group.

Signpost people to relevant support organisations, services and community opportunities.





## Topic: Citizenship (local target)

### Promote Referendum UK membership of European Union

#### What we aim to do

Remind people of their right to vote following voting workshops held in 2015.



Provided information to support people to access information to help them decide how they wanted to vote in the Referendum.



Make use of available resources from District Council to hold a mock election.



## Topic: Personalisation (Kent wide target)

### Gather information on the effectiveness of Personal Centred Plans

#### What we aim to do



Gather information through DPGs on whether having a plan helps people achieve things they want to do and make choices in their lives.

Find out if people:



- Know what their PCP is
- If it is reviewed regularly
- What people like or dislike about their plan
- If people feel their plan is helping them achieve their goals.



## Topic: Personalisation (local target)

### Produce a directory showing accessibility of local community

#### Aim

DPG members will gather information on transport, public buildings, toilet facilities, community activities and things that people do during the day



Use this information to produce an easy read directory showing accessibility, toilet facilities (including changing places) and ease of public transport to access.

Make the directory available on the Kent Partnership Board website.