Stakeholder Briefing
Dorothy Lucy Centre, Maidstone Re-provision

Following a period of consultation and extensive feedback, a decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health to close the Dorothy Lucy Centre, Maidstone.

Short Term Beds/Respite:

The short term beds will close at the end of August 2016 which means that people need to have vacated the Centre by the end of July. A number of beds have been secured at The Oast in Plains Avenue, Chippendayle Lodge in Harrietsham, Hillbeck in Bearsted and we are finalising the arrangements with Ashley Gardens.

We are writing to everyone who has used the DLC since April 2015 to inform them of the replacement services. They may contact a dedicated case manager to help them to book pre-planned respite or to support them to make contact or visit these homes.

General Frailty Day Care for Older People:

The Dorothy Lucy Centre Day Centre will continue to operate until 31 August 2016. Alternative day care for older people is also delivered by Age UK Maidstone at various venues in the Maidstone and surrounding areas in Rosemary Garden Centre, Harbledown House, Postley Farm, McCabe, Shepway Court, Greenborough and Kent Community Health Coxheath Centre. A dedicated Case Manager will help people during the period of transition.

Dementia Day Service:

The Dorothy Lucy Centre Dementia Day Care will continue to operate until 31 March 2017. KCC is currently in discussion with a number of providers to secure a new contract for dementia day care from April 2017. We will confirm the outcome, expected in January 2017.

There will be no change to the financial contribution for individuals as a result of these changes. Where applicable, transport must continue to be provided to any new day service. KCC will ensure that, if required, an up to date carers’ assessment will be completed alongside the review of the cared for person.