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Hi everyone,

Thank you again for attending the forum yesterday, we hope you enjoyed getting to meet everyone and the networking opportunities.

I have attached the following:

- Notes from the meeting, including email addresses/contact information for those who attended.
- A copy of Claire's, Jyotsna's, and Mike's slides

I have also included links to our asset map and cost of living document. Something that was mentioned in the forum was having a directory detailing different organisations and services within the area- and this asset map is a good start to that. If you click the link, you can get listed if you aren't already:

<https://maps.sekgroup.org.uk/location-map?loc=the>

<https://sekgroup.org.uk/community-support/community-wellbeing/cost-of-living-support/>

As Matt spoke about yesterday, there is an interim strategy in place and their team want to talk to members of the public about it. They are keen to get as much feedback as possible and update the strategy in the Autumn with the opinions and voices of our communities, as well as hearing the thoughts of local organisations and understanding how we can work together to implement the strategy.

The best place to read about the strategy is on their engagement website: [Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy I Have Your Say In Kent and Medway](#)

On this page you will be able to find the interim strategy, a summary of the interim strategy and (in the next few days hopefully) an easy read version of the interim strategy (many of the slides that Matt used today are part of the interim strategy document). Matt spoke about 6 shared outcomes that they want to focus on, and these are featured on individual pages of the website. There are some specific questions within each of the 6 shared outcomes that will hopefully generate some interesting and productive comments. There is also a survey, in which they ask people what is most important to them right now, and to get an idea of their general wellbeing and happiness. All of the responses will be regularly fed into the steering group who will be actively working on the next version of the strategy.

SEK have also created a survey to try and build the profile of the VCSE sector across Kent and Medway, by gathering information around workforce, volunteering, and procurement/funding. We are gathering this information to help the VCSE sector

demonstrate its impact and value in the wider health and care system, to help with engagement and campaigning for change. I have included the link below, please feel free to share with your networks and contacts:

<https://forms.gle/NDHhnbVGHfR9qAPN7>

Please don't hesitate to email me with any feedback you have from the forum, as we want these events to be as effective and engaging as possible. I can also answer any questions surrounding payment of attendance for VCSE reps.

Kind Regards,

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