

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Sandgate and West Folkestone**

Subject: Kent Community Foundation

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 28 January 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Natalie Smith
Evegate Business Centre
Station Road
Ashford
Kent TN25 6SX

Name and description of project:

Capital funding is needed to upgrade and install accessible toilets and baby changing facilities at the new Safe Haven project in Folkestone which is being delivered in the Folkestone Rainbow Centre premises in the evenings and weekends.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £300 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

The prevalence of serious mental health conditions in Folkestone & Hythe is higher than in the other districts in Kent. The percentage of patients recorded on GP QOF (Quality of Outcome) registers as having schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, other psychoses or on lithium therapy is 0.9%, the second highest in Kent. The average across Kent is 0.8%.

There is no other service operating out of hours, 365 days per year, to support people in mental health need in Folkestone & Hythe district, nor in any other part of Kent.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

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Signed:

28 January 2020

**Councillor Tim Prater
Sandgate and West Folkestone**