

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Purpose: This Briefing Note provides information on Medway's successful bid to establish a Health Determinants Research Collaboration

### **Medway Council Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC)**

In April 2022, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board were briefed after the main business was concluded about Medway Council's application to the National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) for £5 million funding to establish a health determinants research collaboration (HDRC) with the University of Kent.

This briefing is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board that Medway Council has been successful in its bid and is one of just 13 HDRCs in the country, and the only one in the South East.

From October 2022, the HDRC will undertake some development work with a small team for one year and, if the development work passes specified stop-go criteria, the full HDRC will begin from October 2023—funding will be for five years.

This is a hugely significant opportunity for Medway. The HDRC will provide funding to recruit a team dedicated to collaboratively developing research ideas and grants to conduct research projects to improve health and wellbeing outcomes in Medway. The findings of the research will be shared with other parts of the system across Kent and Medway, and beyond.

A key aspect of the HDRC will be working collaboratively across the council with officers and elected members; with colleagues in the NHS and academia; and with the voluntary sector. The research priorities for Medway will be determined collaboratively in year one of the full HDRC (2023/24).

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