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## Issues raised by Kent LINK Participants

- ▶ **Mental Health**
  - Services for older people and those with dementia
  - Delay in review and redesign in East Kent
  - Delays in implementing NICE recommendations
  - Closure of Elmstone ward (Thanet)

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- Lack of out of hours services
- User empowerment and self directed support
- Stigma
- Waiting time for counselling
- Discrimination – need for staff training
- Domestic abuse
- Help with returning to work after illness

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- Lack of inpatient alcohol treatment centres
- Homelessness
- Social care and psychological support
- Lack of mental stimulation in residential homes
- Care in residential setting for elderly mentally ill

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- Access to mental health care for black and minority groups – build capacity within communities