

Kent Community Foundation Survey on Kent and Medway's Charitable Sector, November 2020

How have things changed since May 2020?

Level of demand and service offering

59%

said demand for services had increased since 23rd March 2020. This is **up from 47%** in May 2020.

43%

said their service offering had increased since 23rd March 2020. This is **up from 28%** in May 2020.

40%

said that their service offering had decreased Vs **58%** in May 2020. While still concerning, the number who said it had decreased by 100% was fewer - **7%** of respondents in November Vs **27%** of respondents in May 2020.

Redundancies and furloughing of staff

Almost a **fifth (19%)** have made redundancies - slightly higher than the number, who back in May, said it was *likely* or *very likely* that they would make redundancies (**13%**). Today there is still **10%** who think it is likely or very likely they will make redundancies.

40% of respondents said they had furloughed staff Vs **31%** in May 2020.

Confidence on short-term survival

11%

of respondents said their confidence about still being in operation by March 2021 was 50% or below.

In May **14%** of respondents said confidence of being in operation by August 2020 was 50% or below.

How many have accessed Government COVID-19 funding and support measures?

46% have not accessed any funding or support measures, compared to **55%** in May 2020.

In addition to the 40% accessing the furlough scheme, **a quarter (25%)** had accessed the Small Business Grant Fund - up by 10% from May 2020.

National or local funding

71%

have accessed other national or local funding sources e.g. National Lottery Community Fund, Sport England

This is up from **47%** in May 2020, demonstrating the significant level of support from funders.

What one thing would most help to recover and sustain in the coming months?

68% Core funding - funding to help with essential running costs e.g. rent, wages
The same figure as in May 2020

9% Networking / Collaboration opportunities

9% Other

'Other' answers included the lifting of current social restrictions.

7% Flexibility in commissioned contracts

4% More volunteers

3% Information, advice and guidance