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To: Scrutiny Board – 1 February 2011

Subject: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Introduction

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) at their November 2010 meeting was looking at the provision of Mental Health Services across the County. Particular concern was expressed at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. I advised the Committee that this was an issue which was broader than the HOSC remit and is a matter for this Board to consider how the issue should be addressed. An extract of the HOSC minutes is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Kent LINK

2. (1) I have subsequently received a letter from the Kent LINK dated 22 December 2010 (Appendix 2 refers)

(2) Members of the Board will see on the second page of the Kent LINK letter *“We would find it helpful if you could discuss this matter with the Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Chairman of the most appropriate Children and Families Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to see whether they could establish a Select Committee, drawn from the two parent committees and the LINK to look at CAMHS”*

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Boards direction is sought on how it wishes to discharge the request of the Kent LINK

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Background Papers – Nil