

CHILDRENS SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PANEL

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1. The Kent Children's Services Improvement Panel will ensure effective, cross-party oversight of the improvement priorities outlined in the Kent Improvement Notice issued by the Secretary of State in January 2011.
2. Develop expertise that enables Members to act as the champions for Kent children who are in need, with a particular focus on those in need of protection;
3. Review the progress of the improvement plan; consider relevant statistical information, including staffing levels.
4. Consider reports regarding the quality of delivery and management of risk associated with the protection and safeguarding of children, *including those submitted to the Improvement Board*.
5. Work alongside the Staff Advisory Group and user groups in order to gather feedback from all those involved in Child Protection and Safeguarding;
6. Work with the Corporate Parenting Panel to ensure that they are able to conduct their targeted Corporate Parenting roles and responsibilities
7. Report in a timely manner to the relevant local Member(s) as and when such may be required.
8. Support all Members build their understanding of the levels and responsibilities associated with Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding.