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To: Specialist Children's Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 21 June 2011

Subject: **Core Monitoring Report**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: The purpose of this report is to inform Members about key areas of performance and activity relating to Specialist Children's Services as reported to Cabinet. It includes information up to the end of March 2011.

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## **Introduction**

1. (1) The fourth quarterly Core Monitoring report for 2010/11, including information up to the end of March 2011 was presented to Cabinet on 20 June.
- (2) Attached in Appendix A is the Specialist Children's Services element of that report and the overall summary of performance for the whole authority.
- (3) This process contributes to the management of the overall performance of the authority and the reports are published on the external web site as part of KCC's transparency agenda.

## **Report format changes**

2. Additional indicators related to children's social services have been included in the current Core Monitoring report to reflect the priority need for improvement in this area.

## **Future Reports**

3. The new reporting framework for 2011/12 is under development and will replace the current Core Monitoring. The new framework will deliver a single performance management process for the organisation and will incorporate the monitoring of "Bold Steps for Kent" and other outcomes for core services of the authority.

## **Equality Implications**

4. The Core Monitoring report examines key indicators agreed by Cabinet. Officers have the opportunity to include any equality issues arising from the indicators in the commentary for each.

## **Recommendation**

5. Members of the Specialist Children's Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to NOTE this report.

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*Background documents:* None