

**Commissioning Early Intervention and Prevention Services for Children, Young People and their Families in Kent**

Kent County Council are commissioning high quality, effective, evidence based preventative services through the Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy and Multiple Supplier Framework to support the delivery of ‘Putting Children First’ Kent’s Safeguarding and Looked After Children Improvement Plan (Phase 2)

Together these services will contribute towards achieving Kent’s vision that ‘**Children and young people’s needs are identified and responded to at the earliest possible stage to increase the potential for them to achieve their life chances**’<sup>1</sup>. Subsequently, this will contribute to the delivery of KCC’s vision for Kent, Bold Steps, particularly Ambition Two, which sets out the county’s commitment to tackle disadvantage.

<p>Kent Strategic Outcomes that <b>ALL</b> Early Intervention and Prevention Services throughout Kent will contribute to achieving over the longer term,</p>	<p>Performance Measures that <b>ALL</b> Early Intervention and Prevention Services throughout Kent will contribute to improving over the longer term, (Data will be collected by KCC, but services will be expected to demonstrate their contribution towards improvements.)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding issues are identified early and effective early intervention prevents escalation of need.</li> <li>• Children, young people and families in need are supported to move back to and maintain support at a universal level.</li> <li>• Co-ordinated support for families in greatest need is provided at the earliest point in order to prevent crisis situations.</li> <li>• Children and young people are safe and protected from harm, children in need of safeguarding and protection</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supporting the delivery of ‘Putting Children First’ Kent’s Safeguarding and Looked After Children Improvement Plan (Phase 2) through the Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy and Multiple Supplier Framework :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced number of referrals per 10,000 of the population under 18</li> <li>• Reduced percentage of re-referrals in the last 12 months</li> <li>• Reduced number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan per 10,000 of the population under 18 (KCC Core Monitoring)</li> <li>• Reduced number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time</li> <li>• Reduced number of children looked after children per 10,000 population under 18 (KCC Core Monitoring)</li> <li>• Reduced number of Children in Need</li> <li>• Reduced percentage of referrals that continue to initial assessment</li> <li>• Reduced percentage of re-referrals in the last 12 months</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Putting Children First, KCC Safeguarding and Looked After Children Improvement Plan (Phase 1), February 2011

<p>receive appropriate services as and when they most require them and children are appropriately referred to specialist children's services when required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children and young people achieve their full potential.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased number of appropriate referrals to Tier 3 Community CAMHS</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Contributing to the delivery of Bold Steps For Kent, Ambition 2 Tackling Disadvantage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of first time entrants to the youth justice system (KCC Core Monitoring)</li> <li>• Percentage of pupils achieving level 4 and above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (KCC Core Monitoring)</li> <li>• Percentage of pupils excluded from schools (primary and secondary) (KCC Core Monitoring)</li> <li>• Number of young people aged 16 to 18 not in education employment or training (KCC Core Monitoring)</li> <li>• Persistent absence rates (primary and secondary)</li> </ul>