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Subject: SUMMARY OF KENT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006/07

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report summarises the activity of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board during the year 2006/07

Introduction

1. (1) This is a summary of the Annual Report of Kent's Local Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB) which came into operation from 1 April 2006. It sets out the achievements in the previous year and the work programme for the current period. The report also details statistics on child protection for 2006-07.

(2) The aim of this report is to be informative about the work of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board and to make the results of our efforts accountable to safeguarding children professionals, to those who fund and support safeguarding children services and the KSCB, to all members of the Council and the Lead Member for Children's Services, to the Kent Children's Trust and to service users, and the public of Kent.

Background

2. Statutory Government Guidance around Local Safeguarding Children Boards (Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2006, Chapter 3) identifies that the role of Local Authority Elected Members...“through their membership of governance bodies such as a cabinet of the LA or a scrutiny committee or a governance board, is to hold their organisation and its officers to account for their contribution to the effective functioning of the LSCB”.

Recommendations

3. Cabinet is asked TO NOTE the 2006/7 Summary Activity report of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board.

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Background Documents:

None